JETS COMICS

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RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
MONSTER

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THIS WAY! ONWARDS!
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SEE, JUST AS I SAID.
YO, GRANDPA, THE FOOTING'S PRETTY BAD AROUND HERE FOR MAKING MERRY..
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I UNDERSTAND YOU, ZEPEKDONO!
I UNDERSTAND!
NEVER DEVIATE FROM THAT!
IT BE MY DUTY TO TAKETH YE SAFELY TO MISTY VALLEY!
HEHE. WHAT THE HELL, EH?

WOULDN'T GO THAT FAR...
WELL... I, UH...
AN EXEMPLARY PARENT! I BELIEVE IN PARENTS ONCE MORE!
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YOU FEAR FOR THE LIVES OF THESE CHILDREN LIKE US, FEELING IT YOUR DUTY TO SET OUT AFTER THEM!
GROOMS STAY WITH THE HORSES! THE REST OF US ARE WALKING TO MISTY VALLEY!
COMPANY DISMOUNT!
THE HORSES ARE UNABLE TO PROGRESS BEYOND THIS POINT!
YOU DOING WELL ENOUGH, ZEPEK-DONO? YOUR BODY IS NOT...
WHAT? WHAT? LOOK, I'LL GET YOU THERE!
TRUST ME!
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(AAIIIEE)
WHAT'S WRONG?
L-LOOK...

GOOD GOD...
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A MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES.
INDEED IMPRESSIVE...

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THE MAN'S... HORRIFIC...

IF THIS IS THE WORK OF THE BLACK SWORDSMAN, HE MUST HAVE A FAIR NUMBER OF MEN WITH HIM, TT
BUT THIS... TO BLOW AWAY THIS MANY CORPSES, LIKE A ROW OF CANNON...

I THINK.... THIS WAS PROBABLY DONE BY ONE MAN.

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I DON'T THINK SO.
WHAT?

AN AX? NO, THIS IS MORE THAN TWICE AS...
I THINK THE SWORD MUST BE FAIRLY HEAVY, AND YET IT IS CLEARLY SWUNG WITH A GREAT SPEED

BUT ON CLOSER INSPECTION, THESE ARE WOUNDS FROM A LONG SWORD
AT FIRST GLANCE, YOU MIGHT THINK THAT THESE WERE HIT WITH A CANNON OR SOMETHING

I WOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT SUCH A WEAPON COULD BE USED BY LESS THAN TWO PEOPLE; IT'S UNNATURAL.
BUT THE POINT IS, YOU CAN TELL FROM THE CONDITION OF THE BODIES THAT THEY WERE ALL DONE BY THE SAME WEAPON.
THEN THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...
SO, IF THIS IS TRUE...
MUST BE THE DARK....!
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MM-HMM
I-IT IS TRUE, THOUGH! THAT'S NO AX! THAT SWORD'S LONGER THAN A NORMAL MAN, AND THE GUY WHO WEILDS IT IS REALLY TERRIFYING!
I WAS CARELESS.
SORRY.
IT IS DIRTY.
DO NOT SPEAK THAT NAME SO EASILY.
SO, LET US DEPART!

I MUST BE THE ONE TO CAPTURE HIM!
THE BLACK SWORDSMAN...NO, THE BLACK HAWK!!
FAIR WARNING, EH, FIRST LT.?
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THIS MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES AND THE CHILDREN IN THAT VILLAGE
ANY MAN CAPABLE OF THIS.
FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FAITH!!
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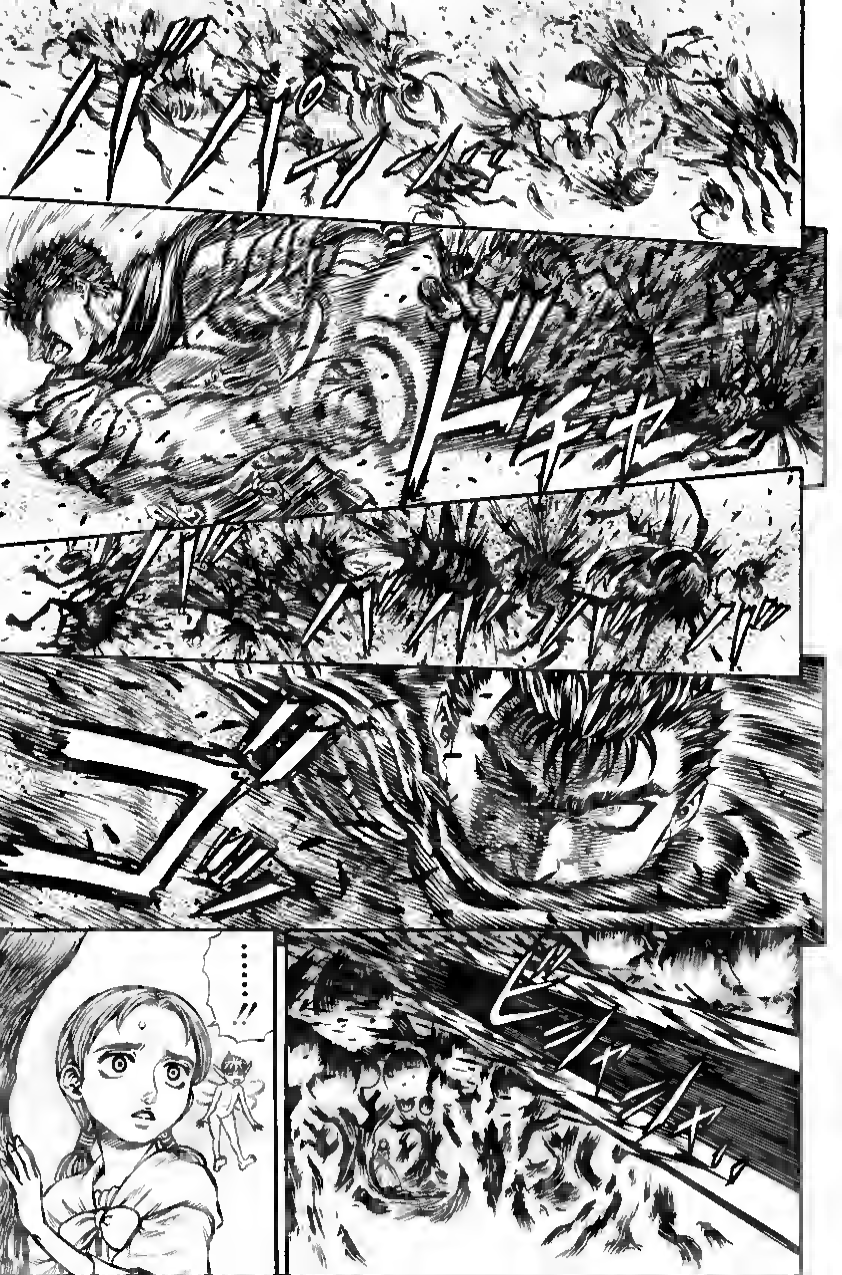
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HUMAN SCUM!
HOW ...
DARE YOU ....
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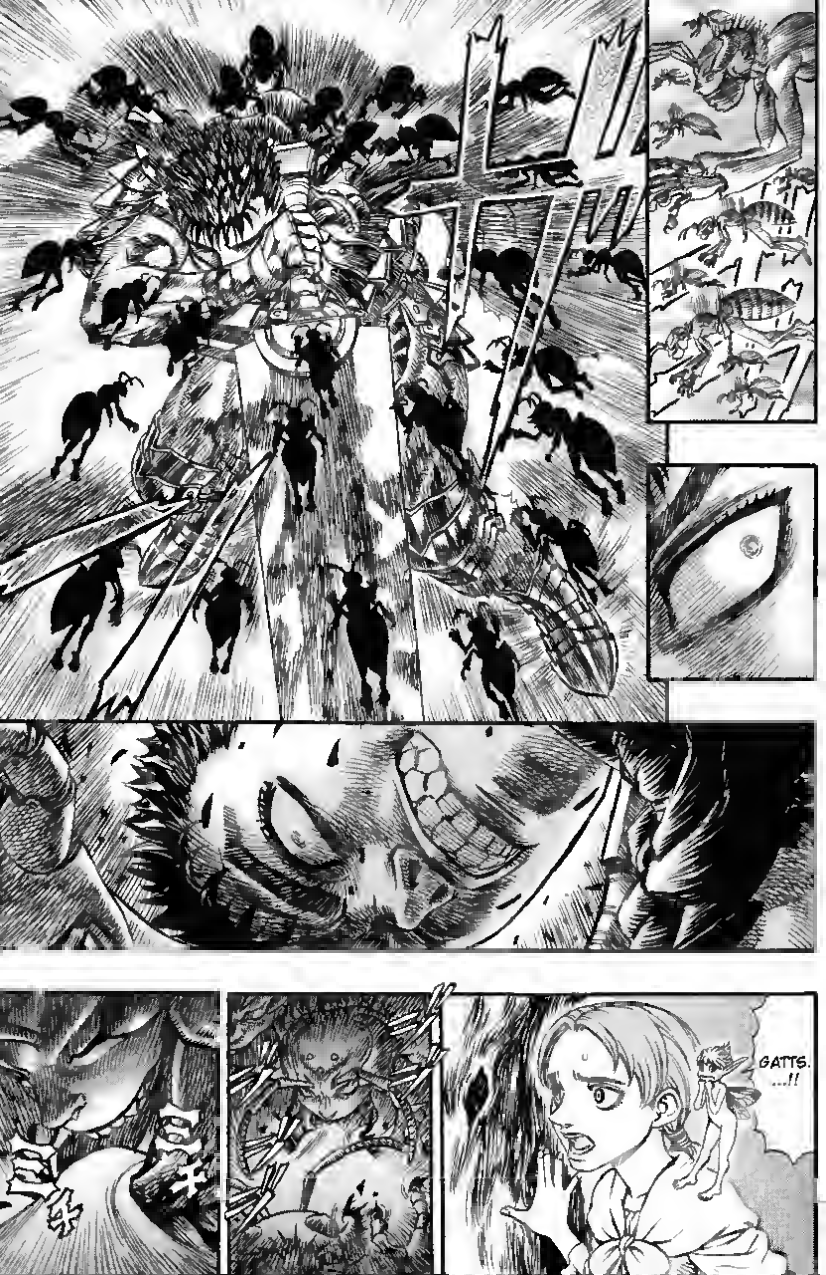
YOU SHALL BE PUNISHED FOR DESTROYING THE EMERGENCE ZONE! WE'LL MAKE YOUR SUFFERING LAST FOREVER!
LIKE THIS !!
AND THERE'S STILL MORE, AND MORE!!
JUST TRY AND DEFEND AGAINST OUR ATTACKS!
HEH HENH! HOW'S THIS!?


GATTS.
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STRONG O-NII-CHAN!
KYAH HA HA!
BYE-BYE!
IT'S BEEN FUN!!

WHAT IS HE THINKING!?
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THE ELVES ARE ...

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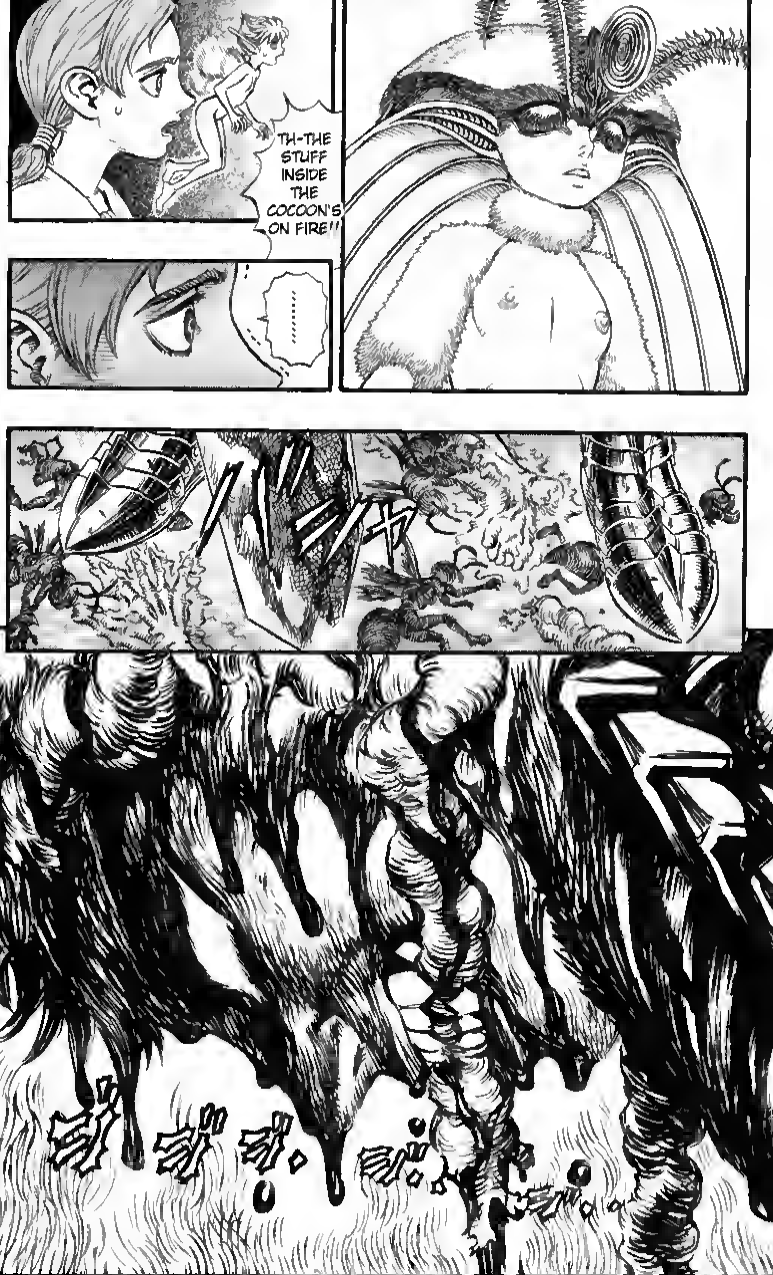
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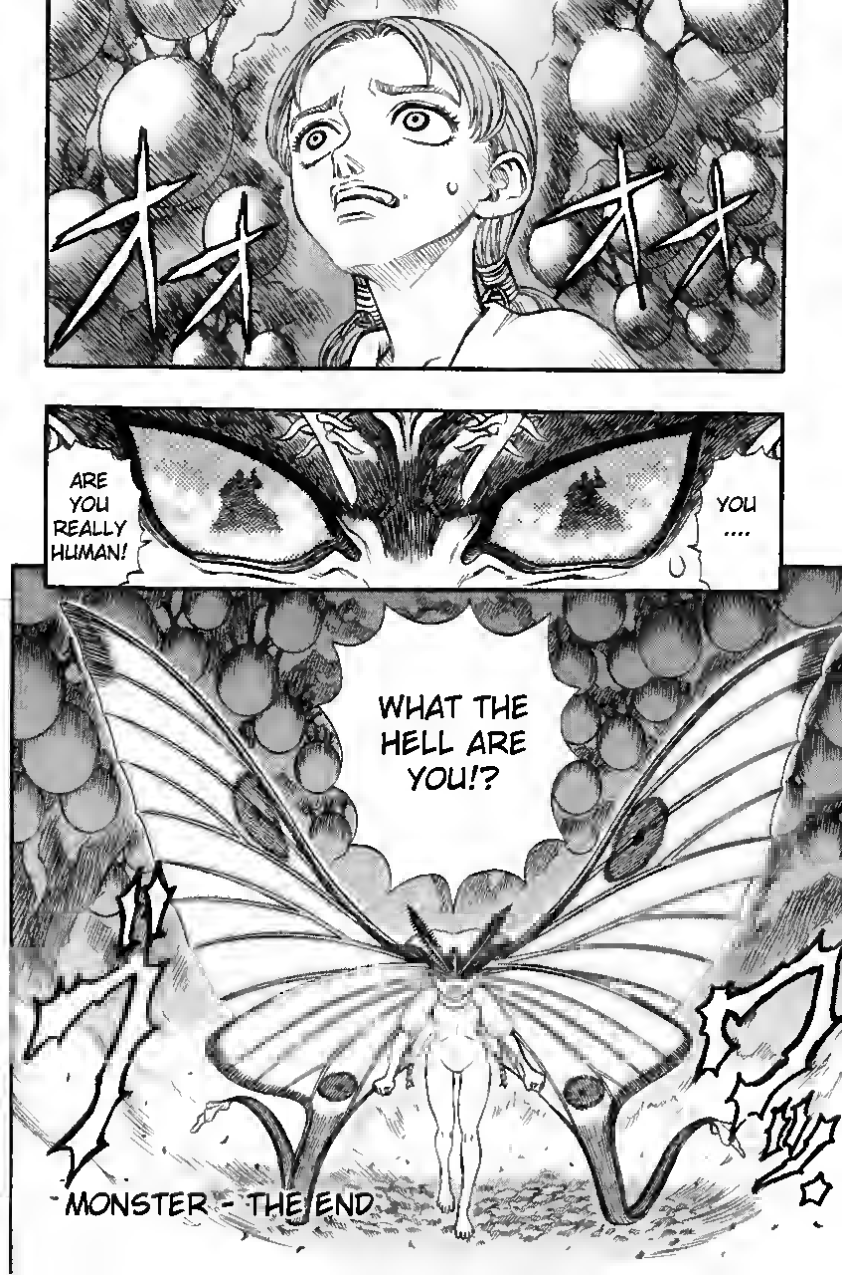
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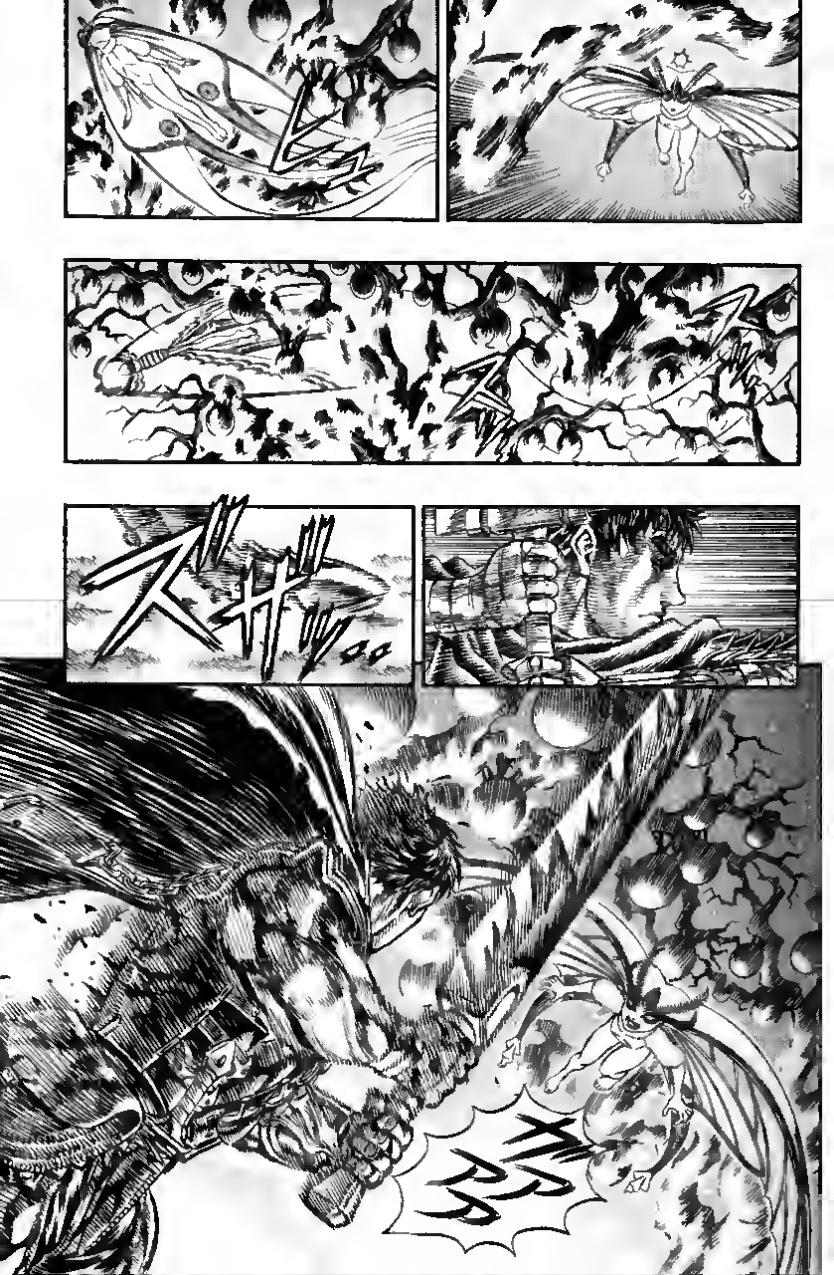
ARE YOU REALLY HUMAN!
YOU ....
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU!?
MONSTER - THE END

WHEN HE FIRST STEPPED OUT, LIT BY A FLASH OF LIGHTNING, THOSE WORDS SPRANG INTO MY MIND.

A FOREST OF GHOSTS...

HE IS...
IN FRONT OF ME NOW, THIS MAN...
NO LONGER LOOKS KIND ...!
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
EVIL IN THE AIR

I WILL NOT FORGIVE ...
I SHALL NEVER FORGIVE!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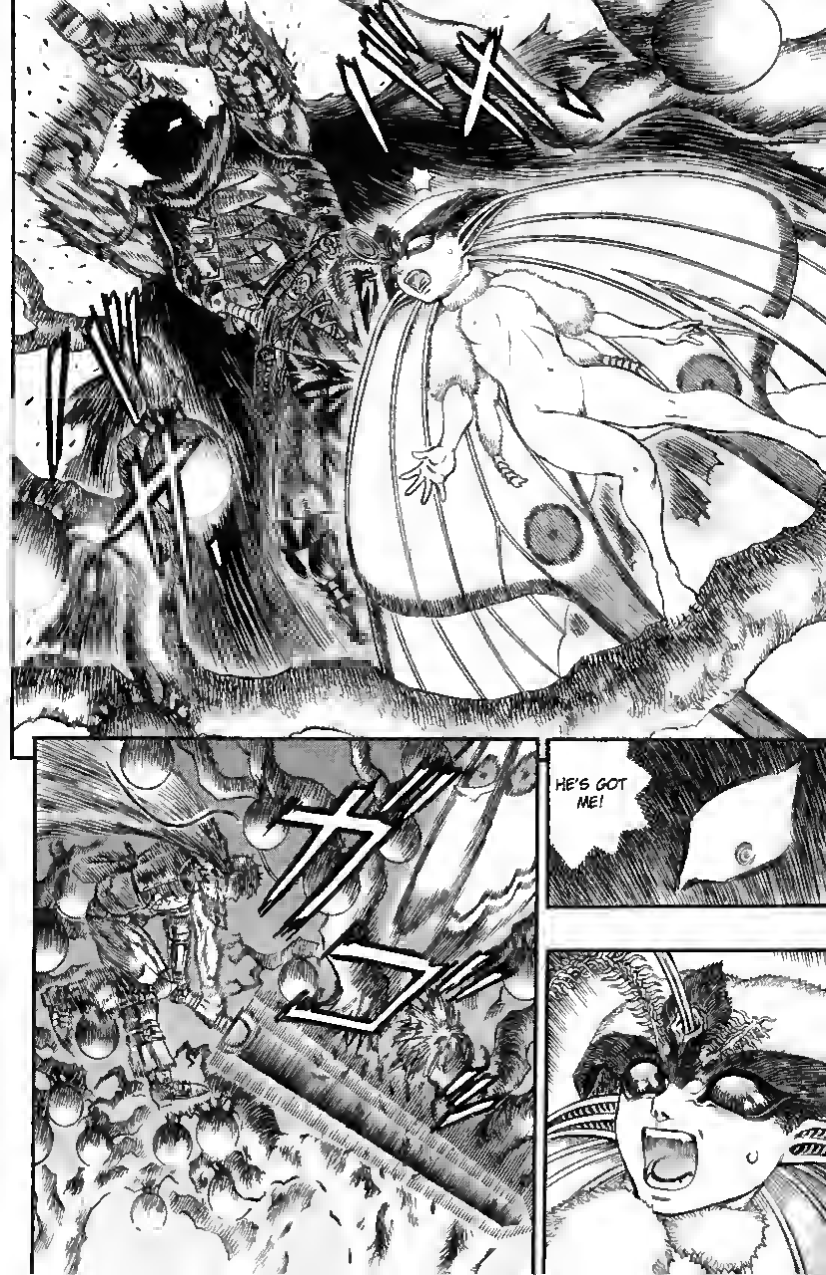
I CAN'T FLY QUICKLY WITH ALL THESE COCOON TREES IN MY WAY...
AND THE HEAT'S BLOWING ALL MY DUST OFF...
ARGH...
THAT'S...
HIS INTENT!


HE'S GOT ME!

FLEEING AGAIN?

DON'T, DAMNIT' JILL!
ROSHINU ..!!

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LOST HER ..
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IT'S ALL BURNED ..

MY ELVES... MY FAIRY LAND...
IT'S ALL COVERED IN FLAMES.
AND YOU STILL WON'T STOP.

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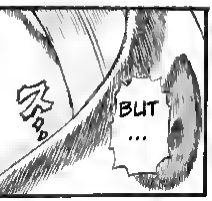
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BUT ...

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THAT'S OKAY ...

ROSHINU ...?
IS THAT ...?

ROSHINU ...?

I HAVE THESE!!
I DON'T NEED THEM!
MAKE A NEW GARDEN OF DELIGHT!!
I'LL START OVER AGAIN SOME-WHERE ELSE!!
SO I DON'T NEED ANY OF THIS!!
THEY'LL TAKE ME ANY-WHERE!!
I HAVE WINGS !!
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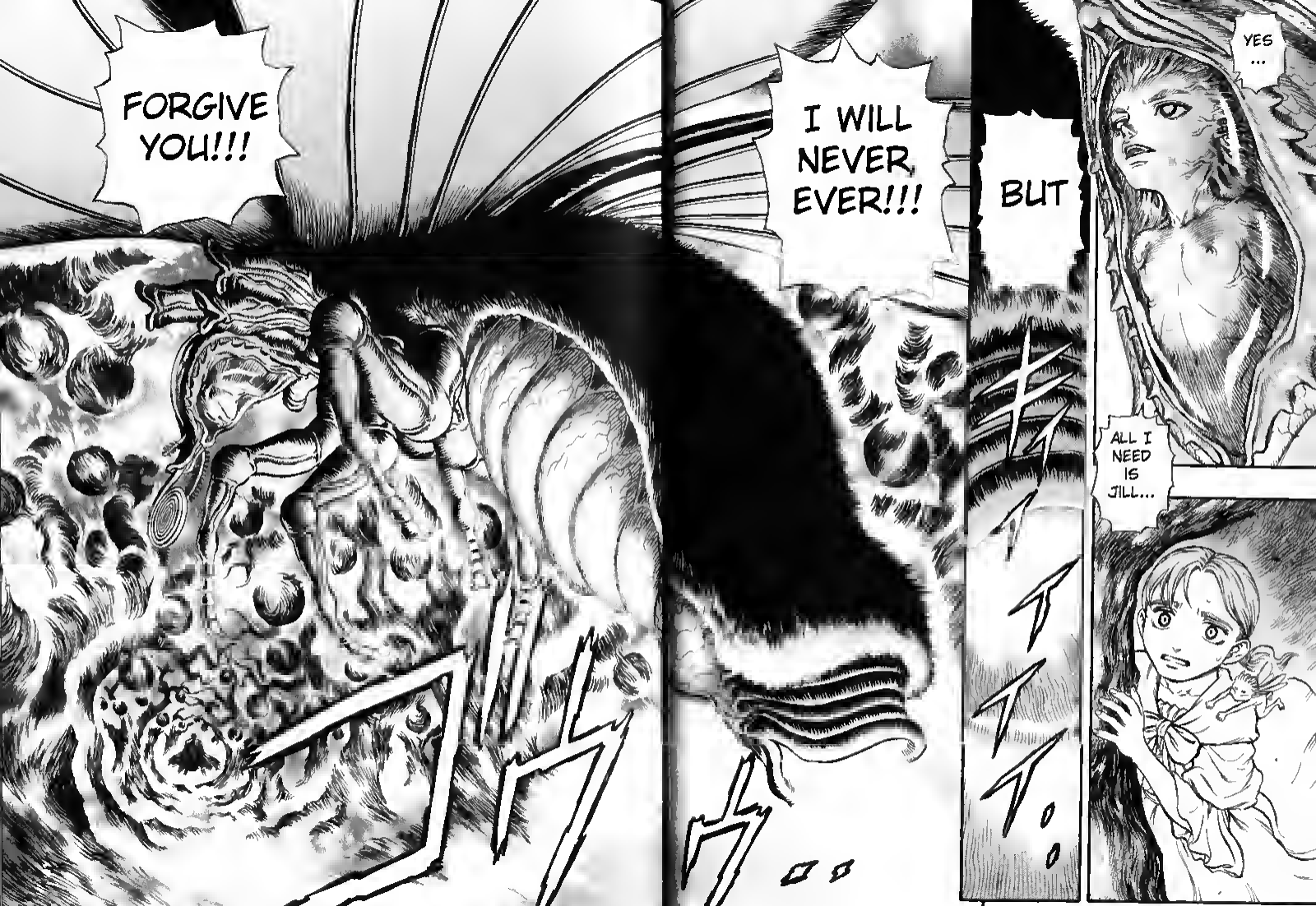
FORGIVE YOU!!!
I WILL NEVER, EVER!!!
BUT
YES ...
ALL I NEED IS JILL...

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WHAT ...!!?
I'M GONNA RUN YOU THROUGH !

EVIL IN THE AIR = THE END

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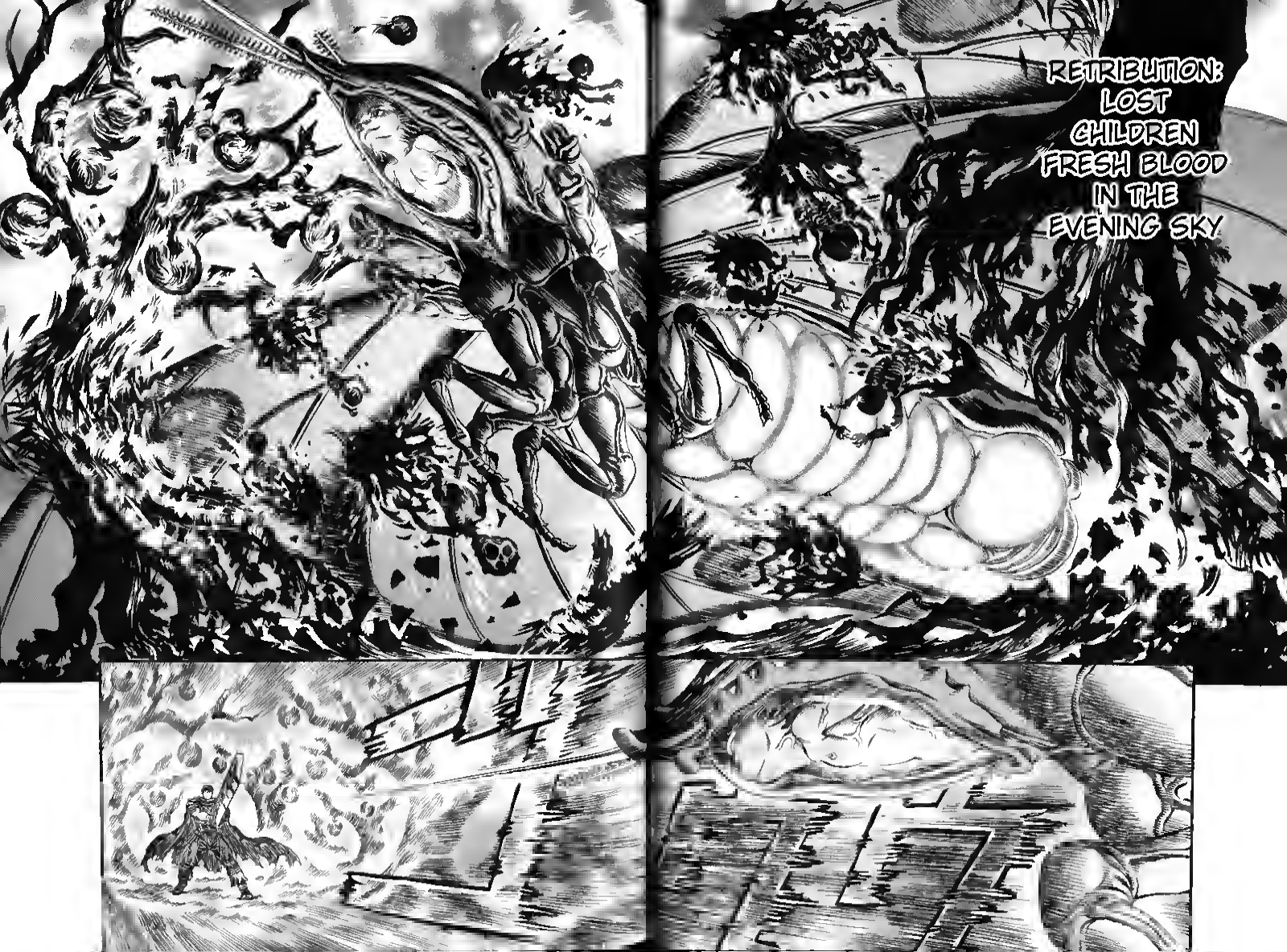
RETRIBUTION:
LOST
CHILDREN
FRESH BLOOD
IN THE
EVENING SKY

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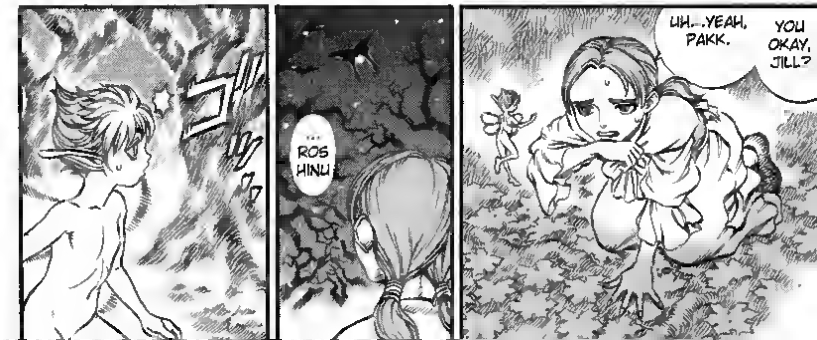
I CAN'T DO ANY-THING...
I CAN'T EVEN SEE HER!!!
SHE'S FAST ...!!

THAT'S FUNNY.
I WONDER HOW YOU COULD HAVE DODGED THAT?
BUT NOW ...
I'LL RUN YOU THROUGH.


...ROSHINU
UH...YEAH, PAKK.
YOU OKAY, JILL?

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OH... OH NO...
THE FIRE'S GETTING STRONGER!
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AT THIS SPEED, I CAN'T GET AN GOOD SHOT AT HER HEAD....!!
WHAT.. WHAT IS IT!?
AND THAT SOUND WITH IT, LIKE THUNDER?
AFTER SHE FLIES BY, THIS EXPLOSIVE WIND?
NOTHING IN THE WORLD COMPARES TO THE SPEED OF THE ELF QUEEN!
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HAH AHA
YOU CAN'T HIT ME! THERE'S NO GETTING AWAY, EITHER!

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SHE JUST WENT ON BY!
AS IF I WEREN'T EVEN THERE!
OH CRAP...
IF I LET HER GET THE TIMING RIGHT, I'M DEAD!
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THAT EXPLO-SIVE NOISE IN MY EARS...

HOW DO I STOP HER..!?
I'VE GOTTA STOP HER..
I WAS SURE I'D GOT THE AIM RIGHT THAT TIME
MY, MY, ISN'T THAT ODD?
I'LL SKEWER YOUR HEAD!!
HER SPEED IS DROPPING!
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IMPALE!
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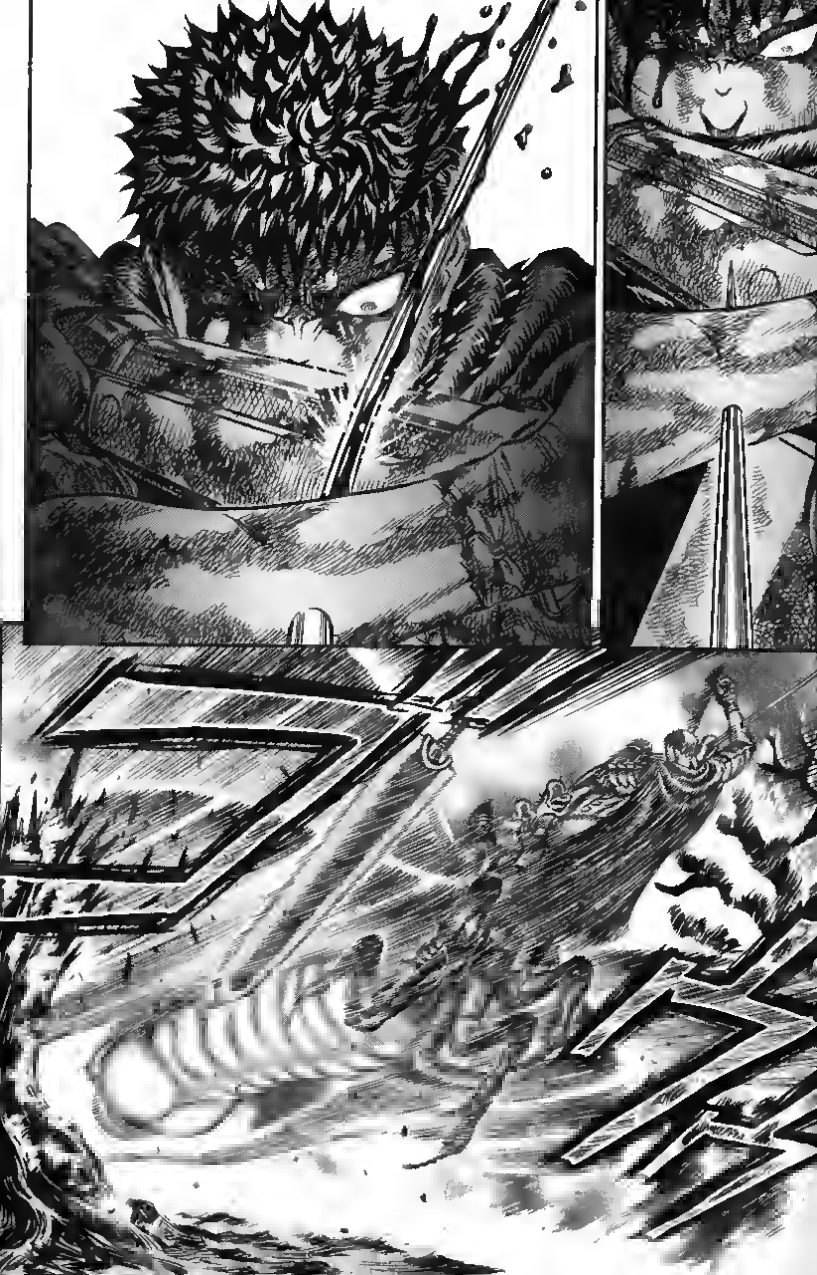
I'LL JUST SKEWER YOUR ARMS AND YOUR HEAD!
WHAT'RE YOU STUPID?
I CAN SEE HER!



MR. SWORDS-MAN!
GATTS ...
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WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT?
I MISSED AGAIN!
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WELL, NO MATTER.
AS IT IS, THE WOUND ON YOUR FACE...
YOU'RE LOSING TOO MUCH BLOOD TO LAST LONG!

I'LL HOLD YOU CLOSER, DARLING
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WE GOT A DATE WITH THE STARRY SKY! :)

AW, PASSING OUT SO SOON? YOU AREN'T THAT BADLY WOUNDED, AND WE HAVE SUCH A BEAUTIFUL MOON.

I THINK I KNOW WHY JILL LIKES YOU.
HMPH...
I DON'T OFTEN GET TO SEE HUNKY, COOL GUYS LIKE YOU.
JILL'S STILL TOO YOUNG.
BUT ...
JILL'S STILL A CHILD.
JILL IS MINE ALONE, AND SO....
JILL CAN'T FLY.
I'LL FLY AS FAST AS I CAN UNTIL YOU SHATTER INTO TEENY TINY BITS.
THIS IS THE END

BYE-BYE.
THIS TIME, IT'S FOR GOOD.
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FRESH BLOOD IN THE EVENING SKY - THE END

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AM I
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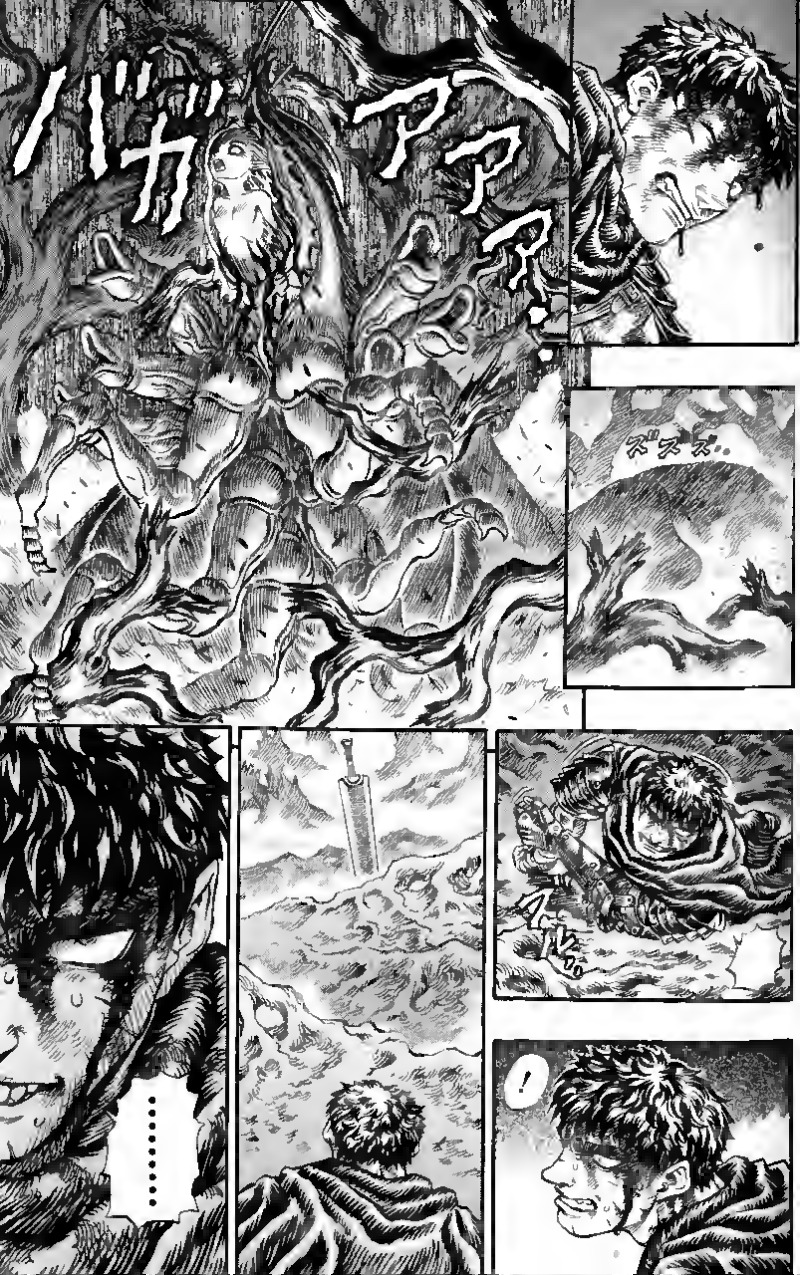
RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
DEVIL AND MAN IN CLOSE QUARTERS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AAAH
WHERE ARE YOU!?
WHERE ...!?

I'VE BLOWN THREE CHANCES TO KILL HER!!
SHIT!! I'M A FUCKIN' MESS!!
I'M DIGGIN' MY OWN GRAVE HERE...!!
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THANKS TO MY WEAK-NESS, I CAN'T EVEN HOLD MY SWORD RIGHT...!!
LOOK! LOOK AT THIS MESS!!
AM I JUST GETTIN' SOFT!!?
IS THERE SOMETHING DECEPTIVE ABOUT HER SHAPE? SOME-THING TO DO WITH THAT OLD STORY JILL TOLD ME?
I'LL KILL HER...
I'VE GOT TO ERASE HER...
I WILL ERASE HER.
ONE MORE TIME.

EVEN IF SHE IS,
I BLASTED HER ASS JUST NOW!!
SHE'S BRUSHING AWAY THE TREES WITH THAT WHIPPY THING.. NEARING IN ON ME?
GATTS!
SHE'S STILL BLUNDERING AROUND IN HERE!
THAT IDIOT!

O-OH NO... WE'RE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED...
.....!!
R-R-RIGHT!
YES! THAT IS!
GATTS IS IN THE SAME MESS WE ARE, AND CAN CLEAR A PATH IN ONE SHOT!
HELL NO! THAT'S INHUMAN!
PAKK, IT'S OKAY, YOU GET OUT OF HERE!!
HAPPY DAY!!
I'M AN ELF...
B-BUT OF COURSE...
(AND IF I DON'T GET TO THE SAFETY OF THE SKY, I'LL END UP FRIED AND TASTY.)
YIPES

I AM STUPID
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...
YEAH
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JILL?
ABSOLUTELY NOT!!
(EEK, BLOODY EYES!)
YECH, WHAT THE HELL WE GONNA DO WITH YOU, SILLY GIRL?
YOU SAID IT.
LOOK AT ME. YOU COULDN'T SAY ANY-THING ELSE
I KNOW YOU'RE REGRET-TING. . EVER RUNNING INTO ME
IT'S OKAY.
NOW I'M CRYING ...
I'M THE STUPID ONE...
JILL!
JUST GO!

DID YOU COME ALL THIS WAY TO WAIT FOR DEATH!?
ARE YOU JUST GONNA CROUCH THERE AND DIE!?
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YOU OKAY, JILL?
ROS HINU ...
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TRUST ME, YOU'LL BE SAFE IN MY ARMS.
DON'T BE SCARED ...
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I WAS GONNA STAY HERE TILL I BEAT HIM ..
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NOOO
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ニ人 LET'S BOTH LEAVE, OKAY?
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SOME PLACE WHERE THERE IS NO EVIL
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姉ロ ROSHINU-NEE-CHAN...
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JILL WAS JUST SILENTLY LOOKING AT THE FIRE AROUND HER...!
I THINK ROSHINU CAME TO RESCUE JILL...
I THINK ....
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WAS HIDING BEHIND HER.
AND I...
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JILL, WE HAVE TO GET OUT OF HERE NOW!
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WHAT ARE YOU? WHO ARE YOU?
HOW'D YOU DO THAT?
YOU THINGS EAT HUMANS ONE BY ONE, HALF IN PLAY.
I REMEMBER.
I REMEMBER
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HUMANS ...!!!

HARM ELVES !!!
HUMANS CAN NOT ...
DEVIL AND MAN IN CLOSE QUARTERS - THE END

HERE..
THE MISTY VALLEY!
THE LAND OF THE ELVES..
THIS IS IT...
IT'S ALL MINE!

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
FIREFLY

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GATTS ...!
I WILL NOT LET A HUMAN SNATCH AWAY THE DESTINY OF THE ELVES!
I CAN'T LET THAT HAPPEN!
I HAVE TO...
DESTROY YOU!

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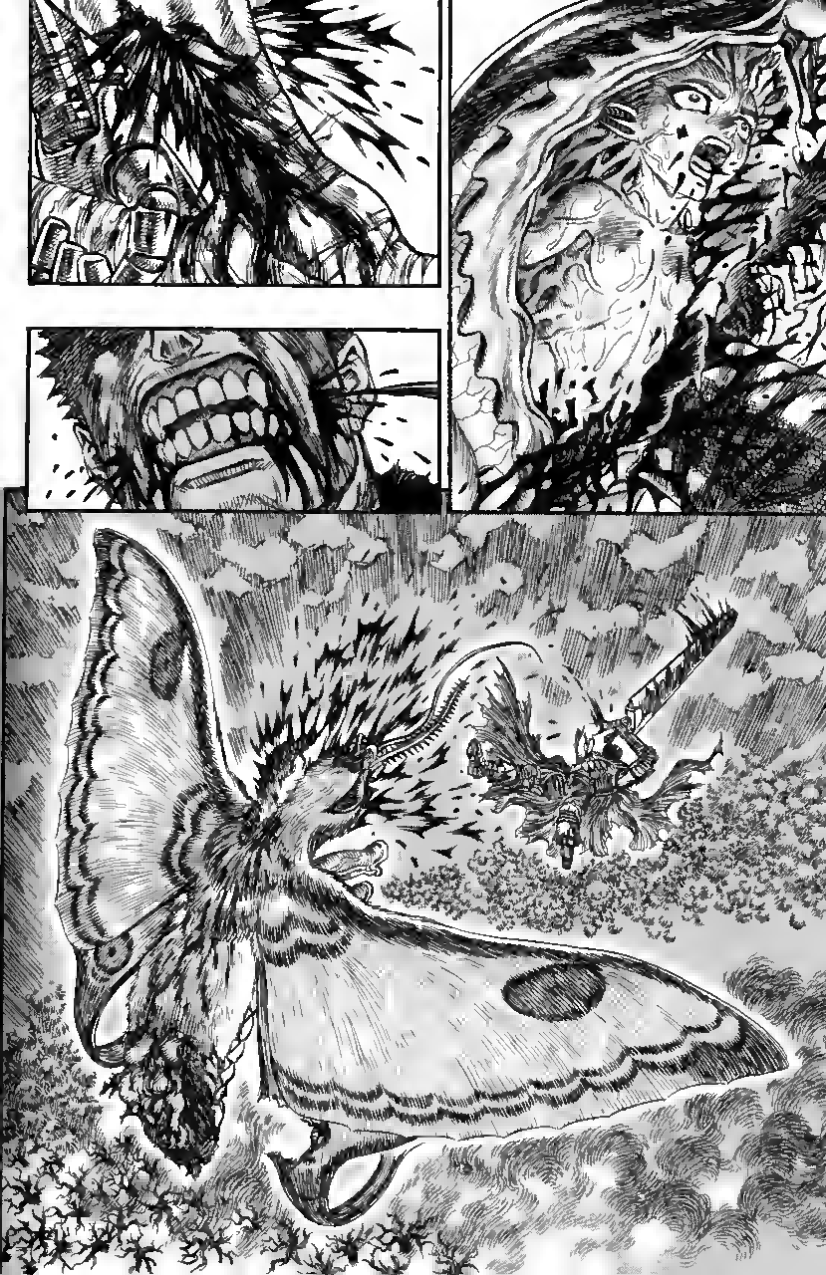
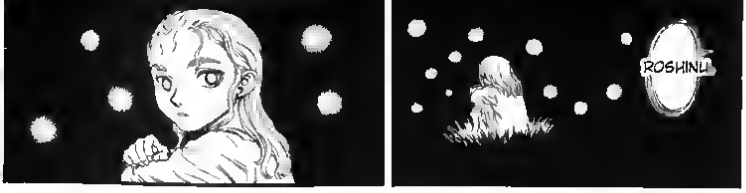
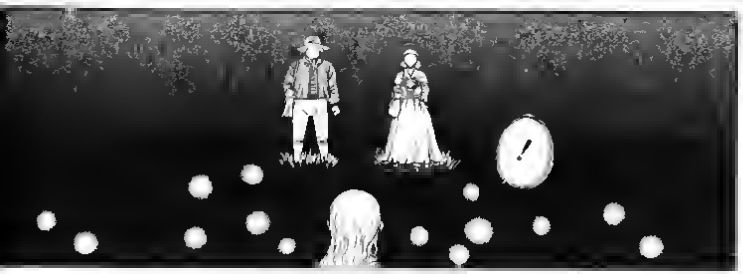


THERE WEREN'T ANY ...

THERE WEREN'T ANY...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
I WAITED ...
FOR SO MANY DAYS...
SO LONG ...
HOWEVER LONG IT WAS, I KEPT ON WAITING...

I REALLY BELIEVED IN THEM.
I KNEW IT.
IN ELVES.


ROSHINU!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YOU'RE REALLY
MY LITTLE GIRL IS REALLY SAFE.
HOW DID YOU GET HERE?

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THANK GOD YOU'RE SAFE!
ROSHINU!
MOTHER?

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YOU'VE SHAMED THE BOTH OF US.

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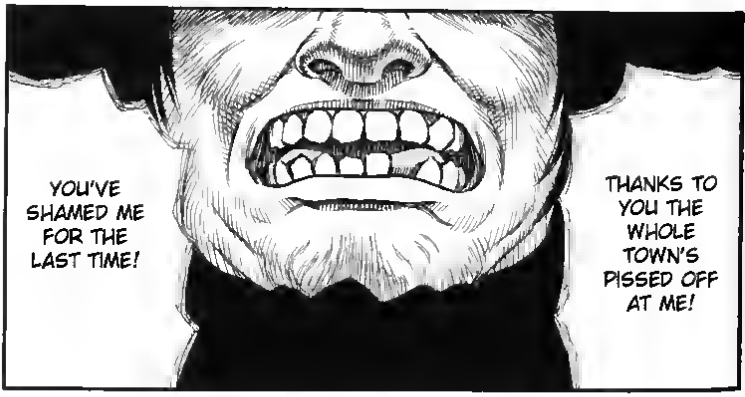
PLEASE ... STOP!


YOU'VE SHAMED ME FOR THE LAST TIME!
THANKS TO YOU THE WHOLE TOWN'S PISSED OFF AT ME!

PLEASE!!
GET THE HELL UP, WE'RE GOIN' BACK TO TOWN.
AND YOU'RE COMIN' WITH US!
YOU THINK IT'S TOO LATE, YOU'VE BEEN AWAY TOO LONG?

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY SOME-THIN'?

THEY DON'T EXIST!! AT YOU'RE AGE YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE SUCH STORIES!
WHERE ARE THE MISTY VALLEY ELVES!?
WHERE ARE YOUR ELVES!?

WHAT COULD THEY DO TO ME!?
EVEN IF THEY DID EXIST...
AHH
SHUDDUP
THAT'S ENOUGH! PLEASE STOP...
NO ....
NOT IN THE MISTY VALLEY.....
NOT HERE...

I'LL REMOVE IT...
I DON'T WANT ANY OF THIS...
I DON'T WANT THIS ...
DESTROY IT FOREVER !
I HAVE TO...

I'M SORRY, I'M SO SORRY FATHER... MOTHER...
...I'M SORRY.
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THERE!
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ROSHINU
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THIS IS
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ELVES...
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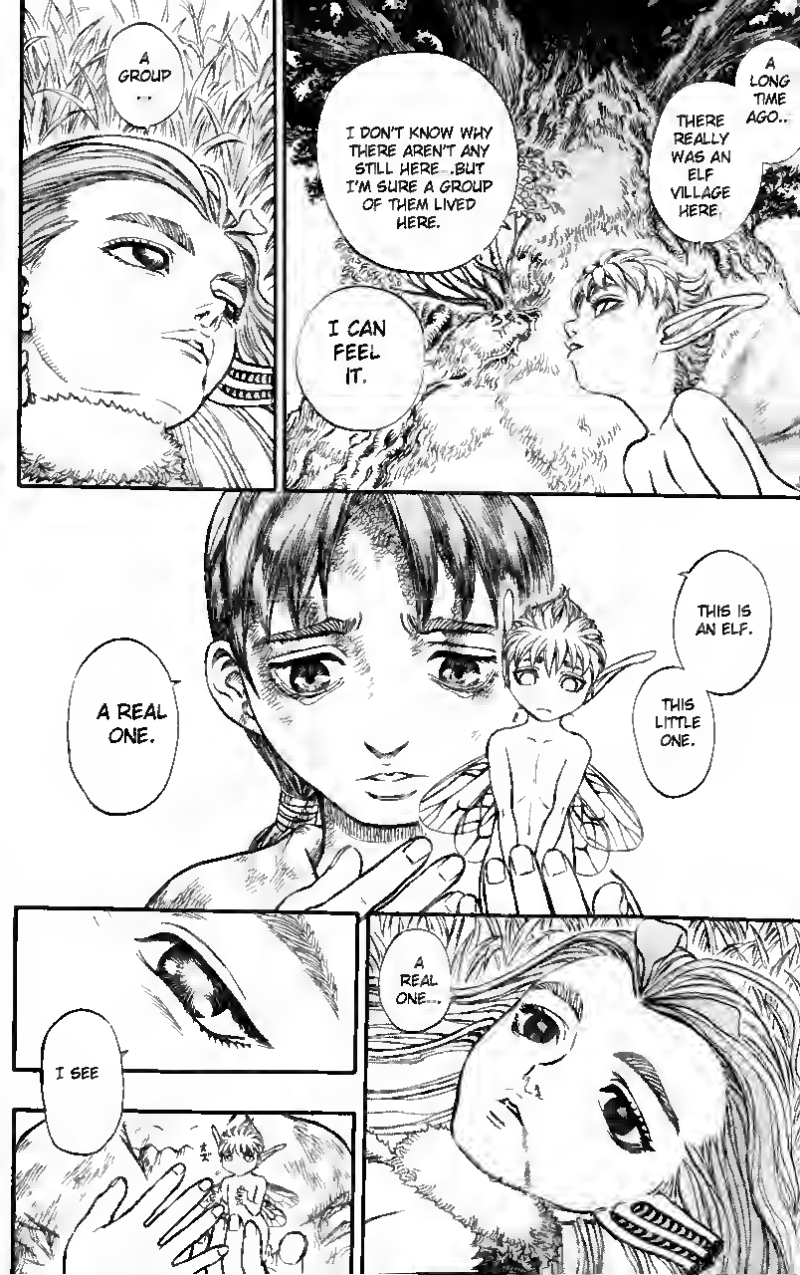
I...WAITED FOR THEM. WAITED ALONE, FOR SUCH A LONG TIME...BUT THE ELVES DIDN'T EXIST.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE, ONCE I'D STARTED...
THE MISTY VALLEY ELVES. AND THE PIRKAF STORY.. THEY WERE JUST THE IMAGINATION OF A LONELY CHILD
THEY MUST HAVE BEEN...
ROSHIN U-NEE-CHAN!
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
YOU'RE ...
A PIRKAF ...


A GROUP...
I DON'T KNOW WHY THERE AREN'T ANY STILL HERE .BUT I'M SURE A GROUP OF THEM LIVED HERE.
A LONG TIME AGO..
THERE REALLY WAS AN ELF VILLAGE HERE.
I CAN FEEL IT.
THIS IS AN ELF.
THIS LITTLE ONE.
A REAL ONE.
A REAL ONE...
I SEE

FIREFLY - THE END.

RETRIBUTION: LOST CHILDREN
THE ROAD HOME

ELVES ...
DO EXIST.
YOU FOUND A REAL ONE,
.....
THAT'S GOOD ...

EVEN AFTER THIS.
YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE OKAY, JILL.
ROSHINU -NEE- CHAN...!
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MR. SWORDS-MAN!
GATTS ...!

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ROSHINU CAN'T EVEN MOVE!
YOU'VE HURT HER ENOUGH!
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STOP.
ENOUGH ALREADY.
PLEASE, GIVE HER A BREAK!
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WHY DO YOU HATE HER SO MUCH!?
WHY ?
WHY !!?

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A BIG LUG LIKE YOU!
GATTS YOU BASTARD !!

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STOP IT, YOU IDIOT!!!
GATTS ...!!

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I DID IT, I DID IT!
I NAILED THE BLACK SWORDSMAN!
NYA HA!
HOW ABOUT THAT!

ZEPEK-DONO!?
OVER HERE, OVER HERE!
I NAILED THE BLACK SWORDSMAN!
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DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY!
SAVE THE CHILDREN!

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DON'T LET HIM RUN! CATCH IT!
I'M COMIN' TOO!
W-WAIT FOR ME!
ZEPEK-DONO!
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I SAW YOU LET LOOSE THAT ARROW JUST NOW, TO PROTECT YOUR DAUGHTER! BUT NOW YOU MUST LEAVE THIS TO THE PROFESSIONALS!
I CANNOT ALLOW THAT!
PLEASE REMAIN HERE AND KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHILDREN.
IT IS OUR DUTY TO PURSUE THE BLACK SWORDSMAN
HWH?
SO ...
THEN ...
WHEN WE RETURN WE SHALL HAVE TIME TO BE OVERCOME WITH THE JOY OF YOUR REUNION!
NO BUT ...
THAT IS THE BLACK SWORDSMAN..
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UH HEY ...
I JUST... I JUST ....
ONE LAST TIME .....!
I DIDN'T COME ALL THE HELL OUT TO MISTY VALLEY FOR THIS!
LEFT ME BEHIND !
DAMN IT ALL!

HUHH, PARENTS
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ROSHINU!?
JILL, WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
IT'S AN ELF, AIN'T IT!?
NO! YOU SHOULDN'T MOVE!
I'M GOING HOME...

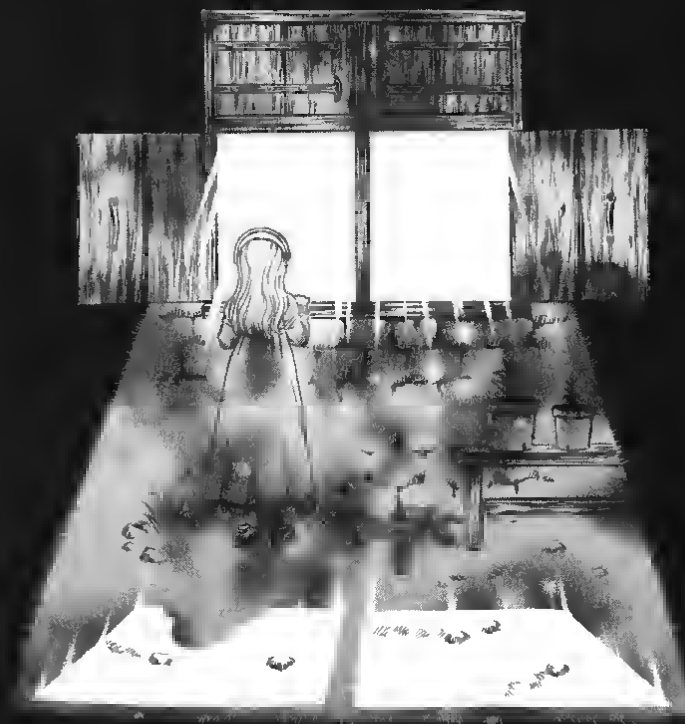
ROSHINU!
SHE'S STILL THAT STRONG?
D-DON'T BE STUPID!
DONT

GOING HOME...
I'M ALMOST THERE...
THE MOON'S NOT THAT FAR AWAY...
THE SUN'S ALMOST UP!...

THEY'LL BE WORRIED ABOUT ME...

MY PARENTS ...

I'D BETTER GET HOME QUICK...



I'M HUNGRY ..
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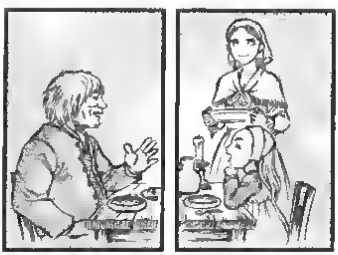
I WONDER ...
WHAT'S FOR SUPPER...

AND HE CRIED, FOR HE HAD NO ONE TO GO TO.
HIS RED EYES GROWING EVEN REDDER...
BUT THERE WAS NOT A SOUL LEFT IN THE TOWN...THE FOREST ELVES WOULD NOT FORGIVE THE PEOPLE THAT LIVED THERE. PIRKAF SAT ON A LITTLE HILL OVERLOOKING THE TOWN.



THE ROAD HOME - THE END

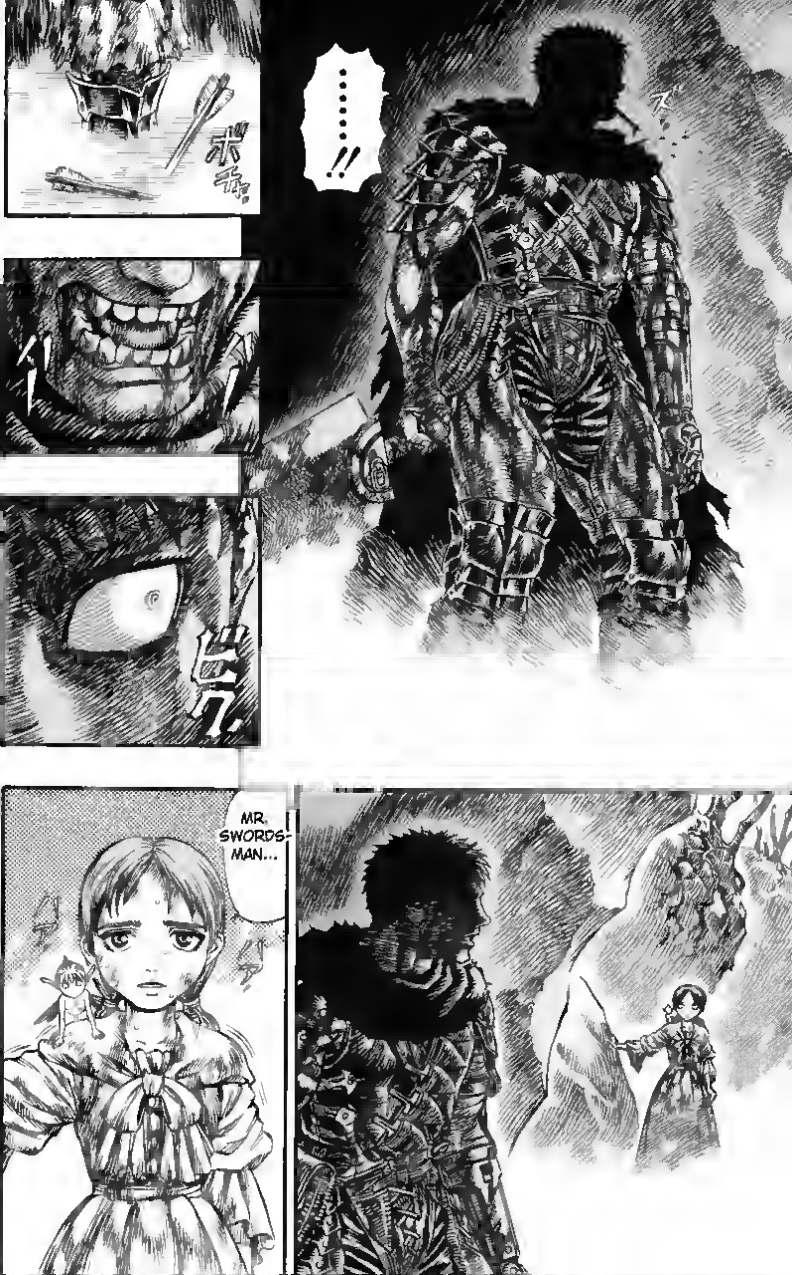
RETRIBUTION:
LOST CHILDREN
ELF IN THE BLUE SKY
ROSHINU FLEW AWAY, GOING HOME.
I'M AFRAID HER HOMECOMING WILL BE RATHER LIKE PIRKAF'S...

KEH...
DAMN IT!
THIS BLOWS
I HADN'T YET DECIDED WHETHER TO FOLLOW AFTER HER...
I'D BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT, TOO..
AND THEN I'M JUST MADE FUN OF.
I SHOULDA KNOW IT WOULD END LIKE THIS.
I HATE THIS FEELING.
RIGHT.
LET'S GO, JILL.
.....
DON'T JUST STAND THERE! LET'S GO!
HEY!
.....

I CAN'T.
NO YET.
I CAN'T GO HOME YET.
WHAT'S THAT?
EH?
MORON ! WHAT THE HELL D'YA MEAN
I AIN'T ABOUT THE LEAVE YOU HERE!
DAD, JUST GO ON AHEAD.
UNH
UH ...
HEY! JILL!
YOU AND THAT ELF. .
WHERE'RE YOU GOING, STUPID LITTLE GIRL?

I GUESS SO...
PAKK!
CAN YOU FIND OUT WHERE THE SWORDS-MAN IS?
BUT?
I DON'T KNOW. I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
WHY DO YOU WANT TO SEE HIM AGAIN?
BUT... AREN'T YOU AFRAID? AFTER WHAT YOU JUST SAW?
I CAN'T JUST...
I CAN'T JUST...
LEAVE IT LIKE THIS!

SPREAD OUT! LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED! WE MUST CATCH HIM!
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN FIND HIM IN THIS MIST.
WE'VE BEEN AFTER THIS BASTARD FOR YEARS!
I WON'T LET THAT COLD BLOODED BASTARD GET AWAY!
MAYBE IF WE TOOK THE TIME TO BUILD A FIRE...
SILENCE!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MR. SWORDSMAN...

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LET ME..
COME WITH YOU.
TALKING LIKE THAT..
AND YOU LUCKY TO BE ALIVE.
LOOK AT THE BLOOD ON BOTH OF US AND THINK HOW MANY KIDS I KILLED.
.....
WHAT, ARE YOU STUPID?
AFTER WHAT YOU'VE SEEN ME DO?
BUT!! WHERE I GO, THE SAME SORT OF THING'LL HAPPEN.
UNTIL THEY FINALLY KILL ME.
BUT!!

YOU'RE WORRIED, JILL...
!
WHEN
WHEN I NEARLY BURNED TO DEATH...
YOU SAVED ME!
WHY?
JILL!
!
.. TAKE ME WITH YOU...
!
TAKE ME WITH YOU...
I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY!
SO ...
TAKE ME FAR AWAY...

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THAT
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HERE.
IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
WHERE.

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THAT
ISN'T
HERE

AROUND ME.
AT THE DARK-NESS...
LOOK
EH?
LOOK AROUND YOU CARE-FULLY.
STRAIN YOUR EYES.
AT THE DARK-NESS AROUND US...

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AH.... AH ....
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YOU SAID, ANYWHERE BUT HERE.
HERE AT THE BORDER.
THIS IS WHERE.
THOSE WHO FAILED, SWEPT TOGETHER HERE.
HANGING BETWEEN JEALOUSY AND REGRET.
THOSE WHO'VE MET THEIR FINAL DESTINY
GATH-ERED BY THE WINDS.

YOU SAY IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE
IF YOU FOLLOW ME, THIS IS WHERE YOU'LL GO.
THIS IS YOUR EDEN.
IT'S MINE!
WAH!
GOT HER!
PLEASE ...
GIVE IT!
IT'S MINE!
A CHILD ...
A YOUNG BODY.
GIVE IT...
GIVE IT TO ME.
LET ME IN!
NO

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IT IS NO EDEN.
YOU RUN FROM IT.

IF YOU FOLLOW ME...
TO THIS PLACE ...
THE ENTIRE WORLD ...
IS A BATTLE-FIELD.
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MR. SWORDS-MAN?
GO HOME

I DON'T WANT TO GO HOME?
WHAT IF I...
BUT ...
THIS IS MY FIGHT.
GO HOME.
NO ONE THERE IS KIND!
IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME!
THAT ...
GO
MR. SWORDS-MAN!
IS YOUR FIGHT.

WHEN HE SHOWED THAT TO ME, I REALIZED THAT HE CARRIED THE EVIL WITH HIM.
AFTER ALL, UNTIL IT WAS OVER, I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT KIND OF MAN HE WAS.
HE VANISHED INTO THE DARKNESS.
IT'S JUST THAT ONLY IN LEAVING ME, COULD I BE LEFT ALONE.
I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND EVERYTHING HE SAID TO ME.
THE TERROR, THE SADNESS, AND THE SHOCKS OF THE LAST FEW DAYS...
AND NOW ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE CLEAR SKY.
THE MIST HAD NEVER VANISHED BEFORE.
BUT NOW THE BLAZING SUN IS CLEARING IT AWAY.
BUT THE MIST... IS BURNING OFF.
WOW!

IT WAS AS IF THE STORM HAD BLOWN ITSELF OUT.
IT WAS BRUTAL ...
AND LONELY ...
AND COLD ...
IT'S NOTHING LIKE THE SKY ROSHINU FLEW ME THROUGH...
BUT... THE SKY WAS SO VIVID.
THE SIGHT DIDN'T MAKE MY HEART DANCE, BUT...
LEAVING THE CLEAR SKY

WHILE SHE HAD ME BASKING IN THAT COCOON... SOME OF ROSHINU'S BLOOD MAY HAVE MIXED WITH MINE, MAYBE IT WILL FLOW ON IN MY OWN CHILDREN.
I HAVE NO WINGS...
SO I LOOK UP AT THE SKY...
AND THINK ABOUT HOW I CRAWL ALONG THE GROUND.
SO LONG, THEN JILL

AND I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO RUN AWAY LIKE ROSHINU.
YOU KNOW, I..
I GUESS I KNOW I CAN'T BE VIOLENT LIKE THE BLACK SWORDSMAN.
JILL
YOU'LL BE OKAY? BY YOURSELF...
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YOU'RE GOING?
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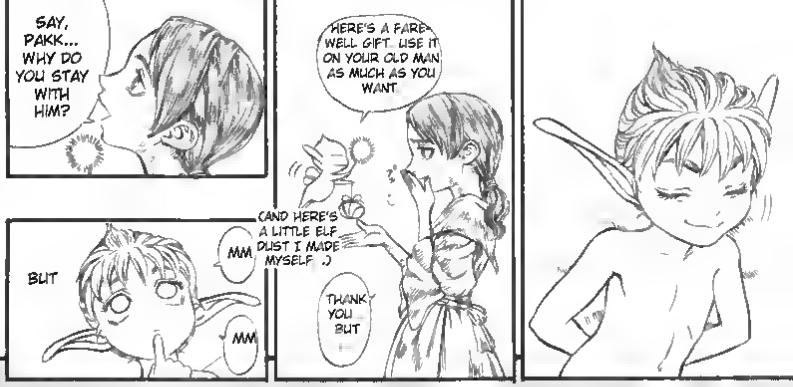
I THINK I CAN CRY, AND SHOUT, AND BITE.
AND THAT MIGHT CHANGE SOMETHING.
BUT, YOU KNOW...
BUT AT LEAST ...


SAY, PAKK... WHY DO YOU STAY WITH HIM?
HERE'S A FAREWELL GIFT. USE IT ON YOUR OLD MAN AS MUCH AS YOU WANT.
(AND HERE'S A LITTLE ELF DUST I MADE MYSELF .)
THANK YOU BUT
BUT
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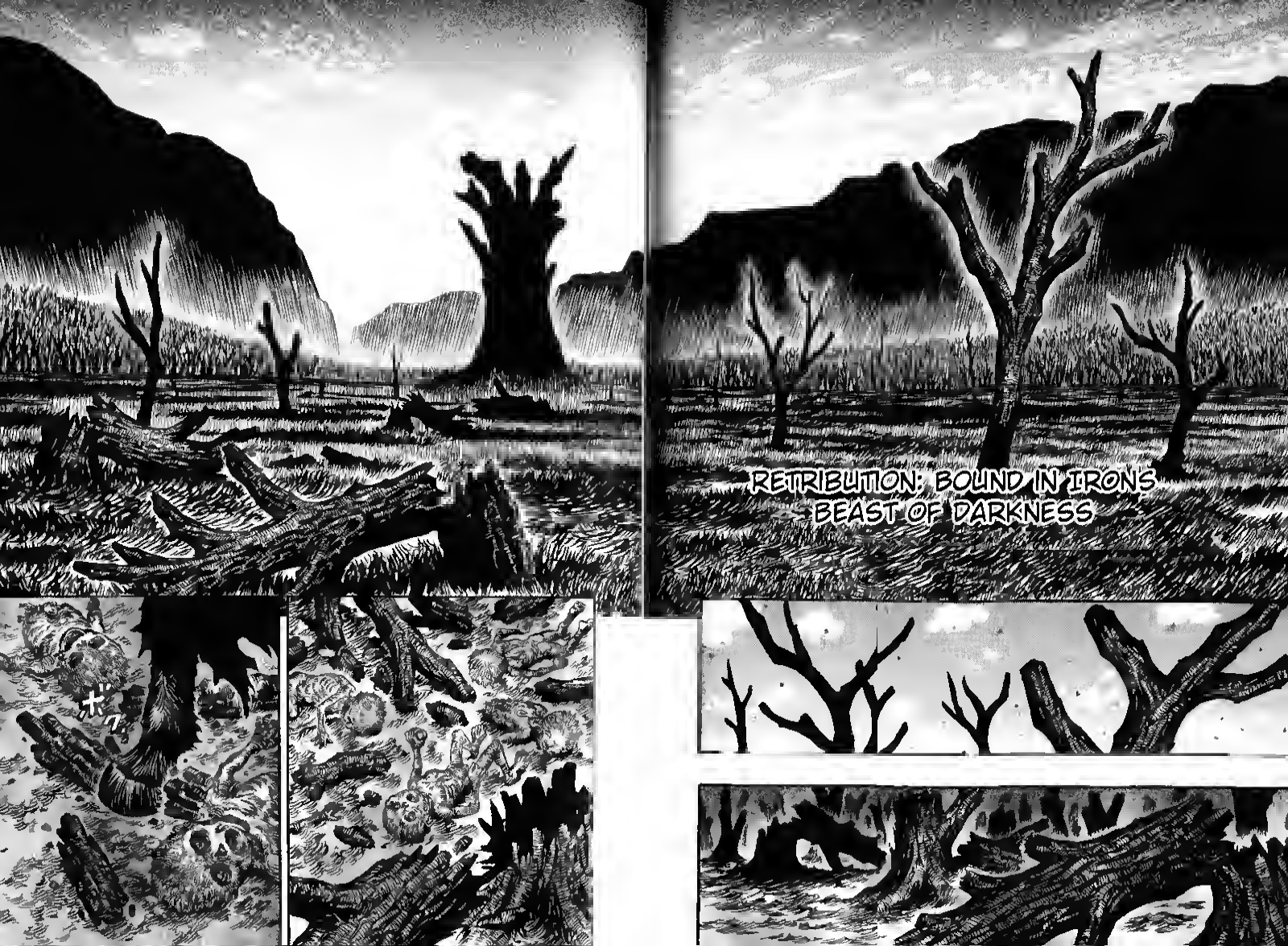
HE WAS, AFTER ALL, AN ELF.

HE MATCHED THE SKY.

I THINK....I THINK MY OWN LITTLE FIGHT IS JUST BEGINNING.

LOOKING DOWN FROM THE SKY, IT'S EASY TO MISS MY TINY LITTLE TOWN, HIDDEN AMONG THE MOUNTAINS.

LOST CHILDREN - FINIS


RETRIBUTION: BOUND IN IRONS
BEAST OF DARKNESS
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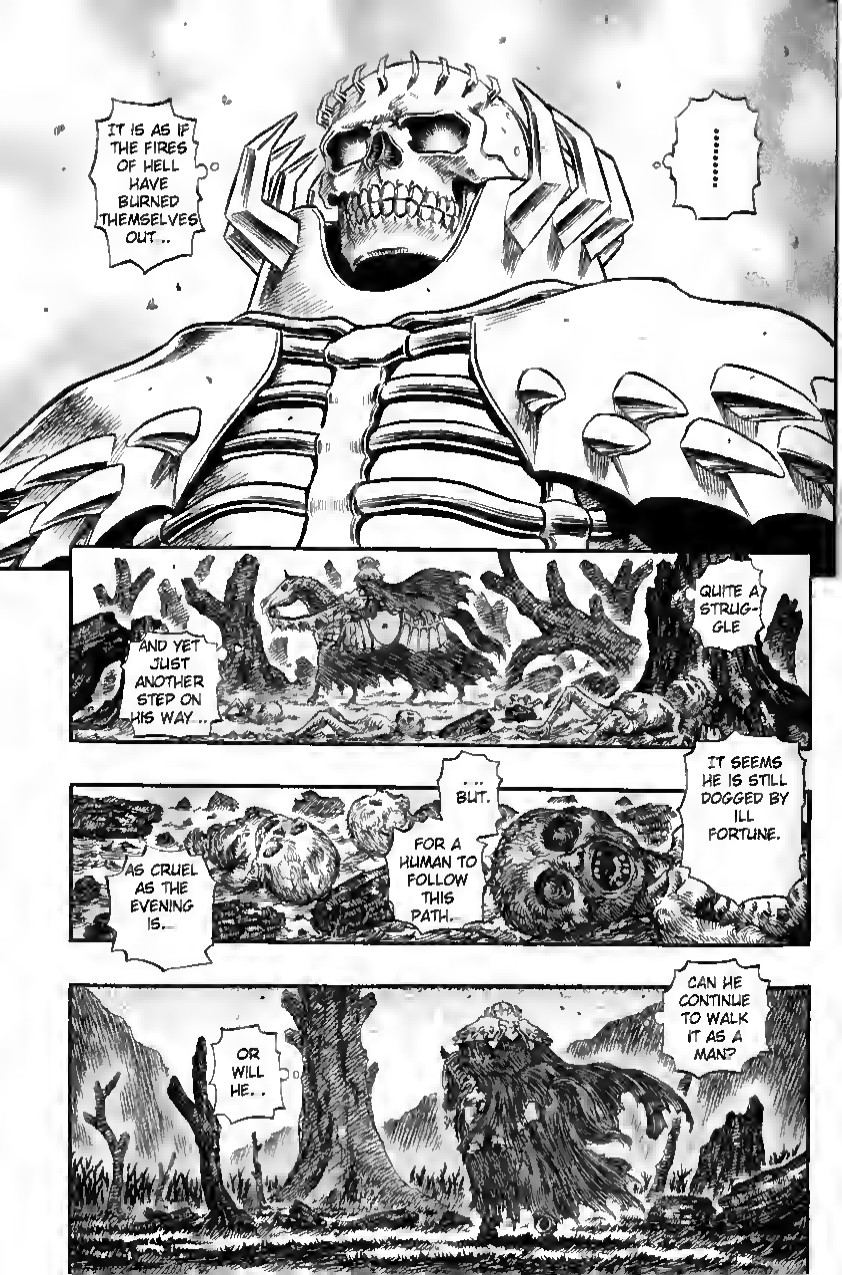
IT IS AS IF THE FIRES OF HELL HAVE BURNED THEMSELVES OUT..
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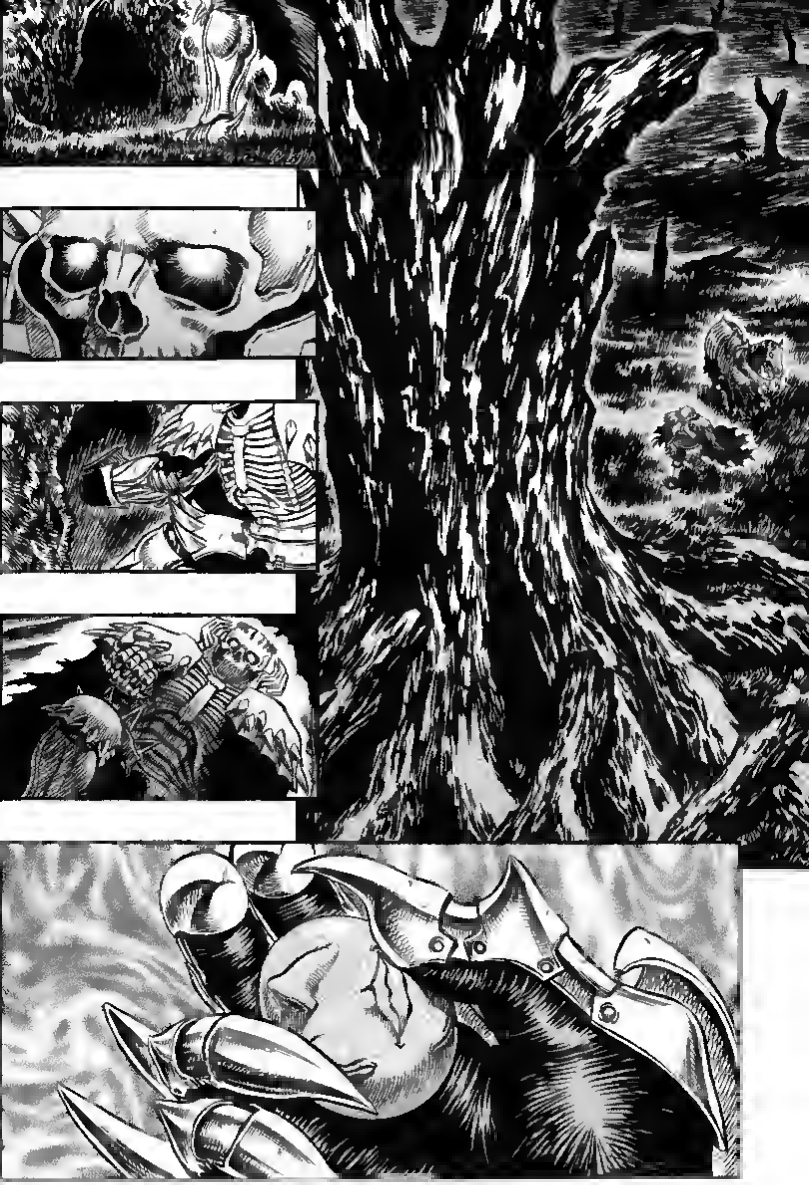
AND YET JUST ANOTHER STEP ON HIS WAY...
QUITE A STRUG-GLE
AS CRUEL AS THE EVENING IS...
. . . BUT.
FOR A HUMAN TO FOLLOW THIS PATH.
IT SEEMS HE IS STILL DOGGED BY ILL FORTUNE.
OR WILL HE..
CAN HE CONTINUE TO WALK IT AS A MAN?



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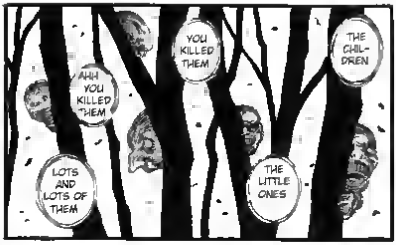
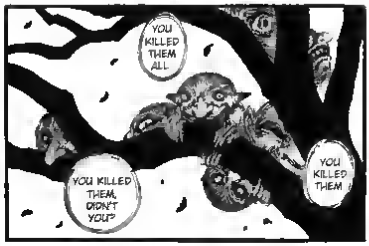
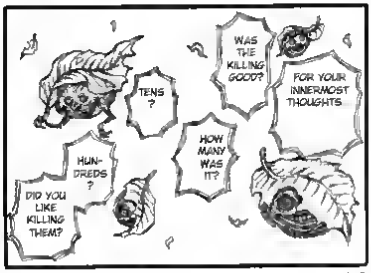

AHH YOU KILLED THEM
YOU KILLED THEM
THE CHIL-DREN
LOTS AND LOTS OF THEM
THE LITTLE ONES


YOU KILLED THEM ALL
YOU KILLED THEM
YOU KILLED THEM, DIDN'T YOU?

JUST SO YOU COULD DO WHATEVER YOU WANTED
YOU KILLED THEM
ALL OF THEM
THOSE POOR LITTLE CHILDREN
SO MANY OF THEM...
SO YOU COULD LET OUT YOUR RESENT-MENT.
THAT YOU KILLED!
YOU KILLED THEM

DO THOSE CHIL-DREN MEAN YOU LIKED BECOMING A MONSTER?
THOSE POOR CHIL-DREN
ALL OF THEM
DO YOU LIKE KILLING?
SO WHO'S THE MONSTER?

WAS IT GOOD FOR YOU?
DID YOU LEAVE A SINGLE ONE ALIVE?


TENS?
WAS THE KILLING GOOD?
FOR YOUR INNERMOST THOUGHTS
HOW MANY WAS IT?
HUN-DREDS?
DID YOU LIKE KILLING THEM?

BLACK, BLACK...
A BEAST OF DARK-NESS...
YOU STINK OF DARK-NESS
YOU DO!
YOUR STENCH IS COMING EVER CLOSER TO OURS...
SOON YOU WILL BE ONE OF US...
SOON...
A BEAST...
YOUR THIRST GROWS.
EVER SO SLOWLY...
YOU LONG TO BE THIS.
YOU THIRST FOR IT...
YOUR THIRST GROWS.
WHEN-EVER YOU BATHE IN BLOOD...
THE UNSA-TIABLE HUNGER OF THE BEAST...
THE MORE YOU KILL, THE MORE YOU THIRST
THE MORE YOU THIRST, THE MORE YOU KILL.
YOU WILL KEEP ON KILLING...
YOU WILL KEEP ON THIRST-ING...
YOUR BLOOD-BATH WILL NEVER END.
MORE...
ALL FOR YOUR-SELF...
ALL ALONE...
MORE...
MORE...
MORE...
MORE...

NO...
AND THE MONSTER WILL TAKE YOUR SHAPE.
IT WILL FEEL NOTHING BUT HATE.
AND IT WILL TAKE YOUR PLACE.
AND THEN THE BEAST WILL EAT YOU.
IF YOU USE THAT...
MAYBE YOU WILL BECOME THE TRUE MONSTER.
LIKE YOUR FRIENDS...
LIKE THEM...
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MAYBE YOU WILL...
MAY BE...
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IN A NOTHING PLACE LIKE THIS!!!
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS...
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING...
THE SACRIFICE!
THE SACRIFICE!
THE SACRIFICE!
WILL I GAIN ANYTHING?
IF I GET THROUGH THIS,
BUT ...
TO HIM...
AFTER I CRAWL THROUGH THE DARK-NESS...
AFTER I KILL THE FIVE GOD HAND...
AFTER I THRASH THESE GHOSTS...

HE'S PRETTY BADLY HURT..
WONDER IF HE'S MANAGED TO DIE SOMEWHERE?
JEEZ, THAT'D SUCK...
OHHH, CLOSER AND CLOSER.
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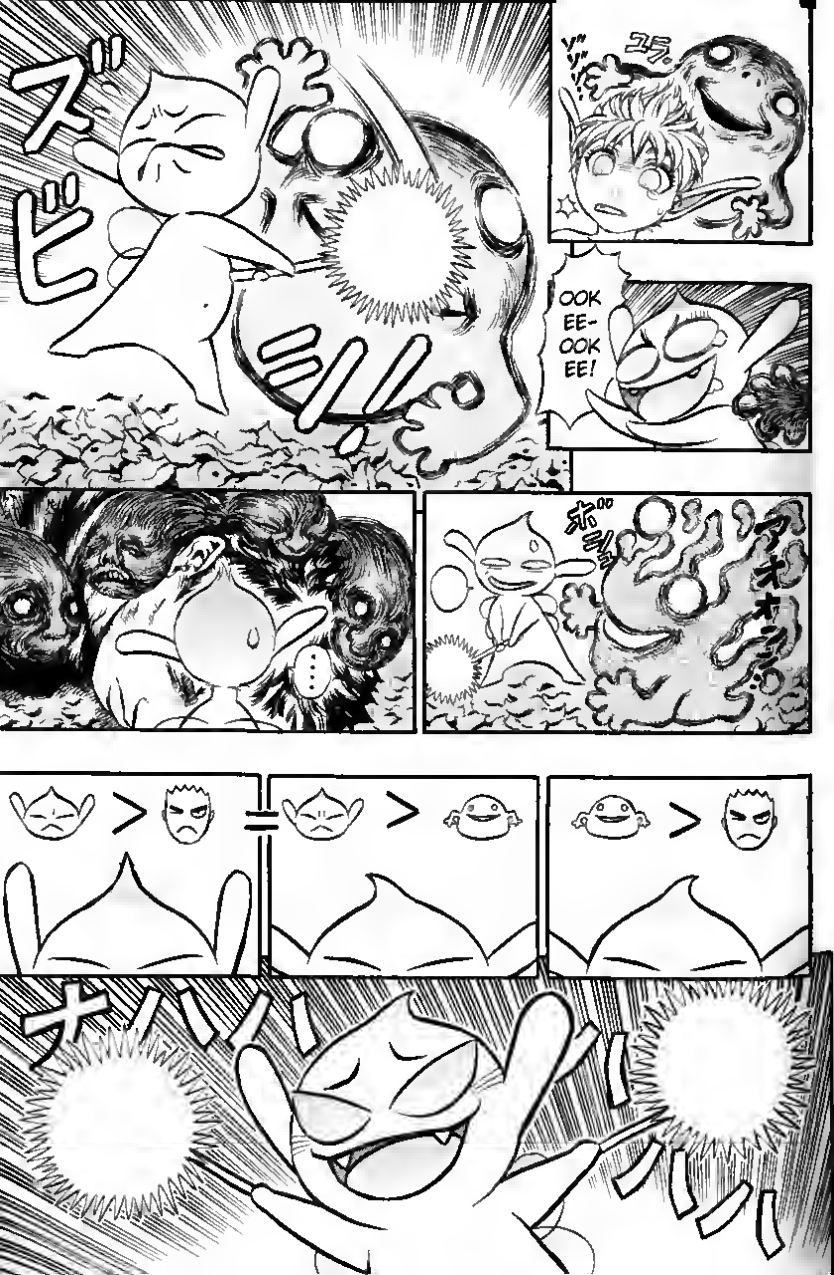
FOUND THE IDIOT!
TIME TO GIVE HIM A PIECE OF MY MIND!
YO, YOU THERE!
FINE, JUST LIE DOWN ON THE JOB!

L-LEA-----!!
YIPES
HEY, WHAT'RE YA DOIN'? DON'T GO TO SLEEP! DO YOU WANT TO DIE!?
IDIOT!! WHERE'S YOUR MOTIVATION!?
DID YOU SAY ALL THAT GREAT SOUNDING STUFF TO JILL FOR THIS?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I'LL SHOW YOU! JUST TRY COMIN' BACK
THRUST!
THRUST!

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THRUST!
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I THINK THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THIS HAS EVER WORKED ON YOU
YOU LITTLE
AH.. AH...
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TRYING TO TAKE THAT SERIOUSLY IS...STUPID.
CHRIST...
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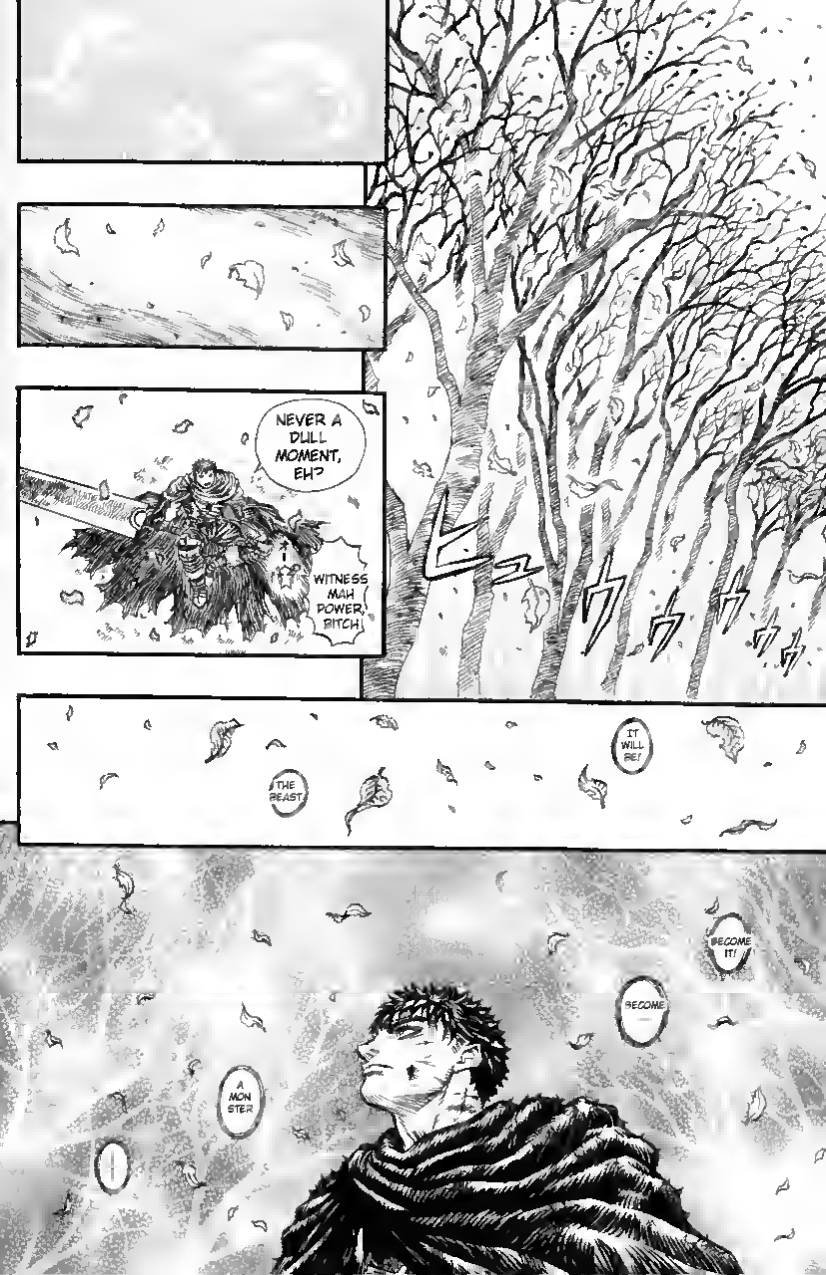
NEVER A DULL MOMENT, EH?
WITNESS MAH POWER, BITCH!
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THE BEAST
IT WILL BE!
A MON STER
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BECOME ...
BECOME IT!

A BEAST
I ... AM ME
AND NOTHING ON EARTH.
A MONSTER?
HEH... DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
?
NO MATTER WHO CHASES ME.
CAN CHANGE ME.

.....
THAT YOU CAN KEEP ON BEIN' ALIVE.
IT'S THANKS TO ME...
ONLY I CAN DO THAT.
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU FELL IN A RIVER OF BLOOD! TILL I TREATED YOUR WOUNDS.
WELL
IT'S ALL THANKS TO ME I KICK ASS
O!
TURNING INTO A WALKIN' FIRST AID KIT.
MAN, HE'S JUST...
DO AS YOU LIKE.
YOU WIN, PAKK!
FINE THEN.
THAT'S YOUR HOUSE.
SAY
IT'S A LITTLE CRAMPED IN HERE.
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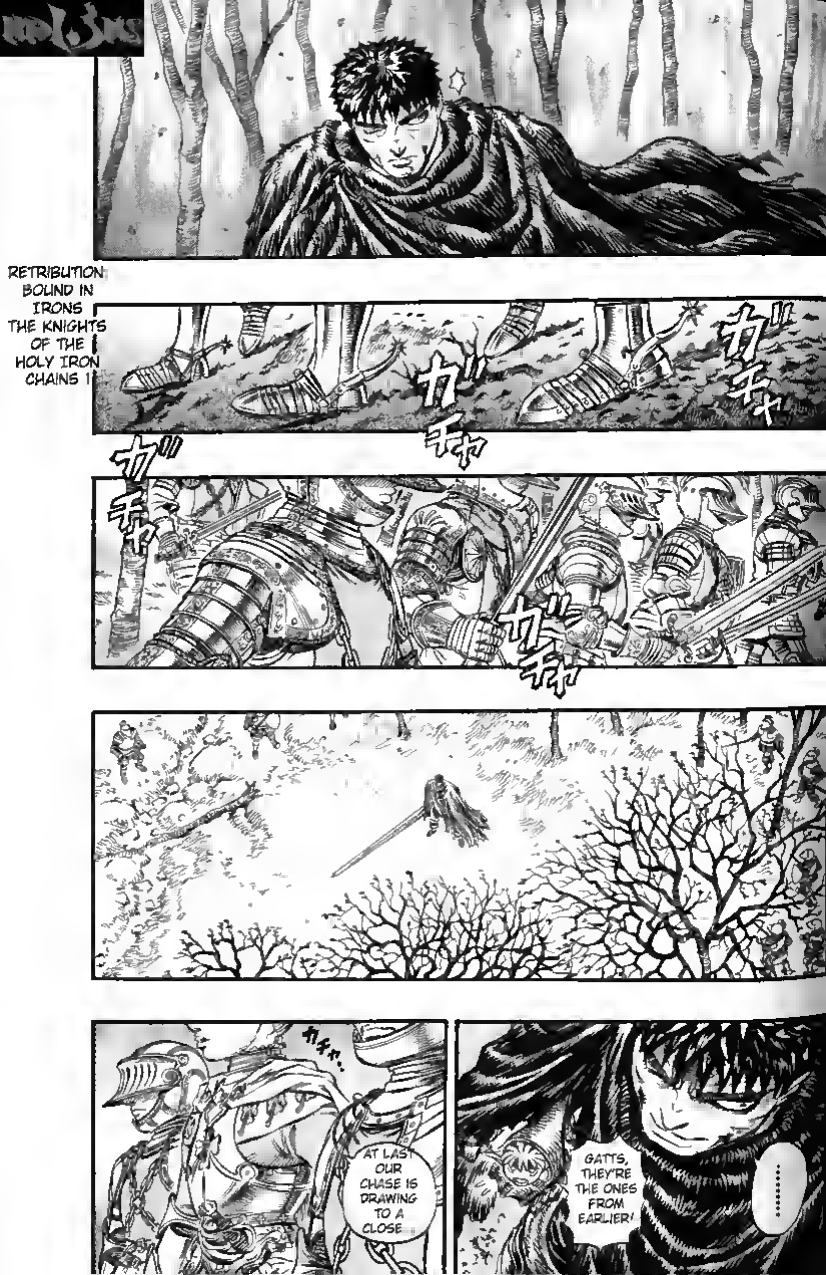
BEAST OF DARKNESS - THE END


RETRIBUTION
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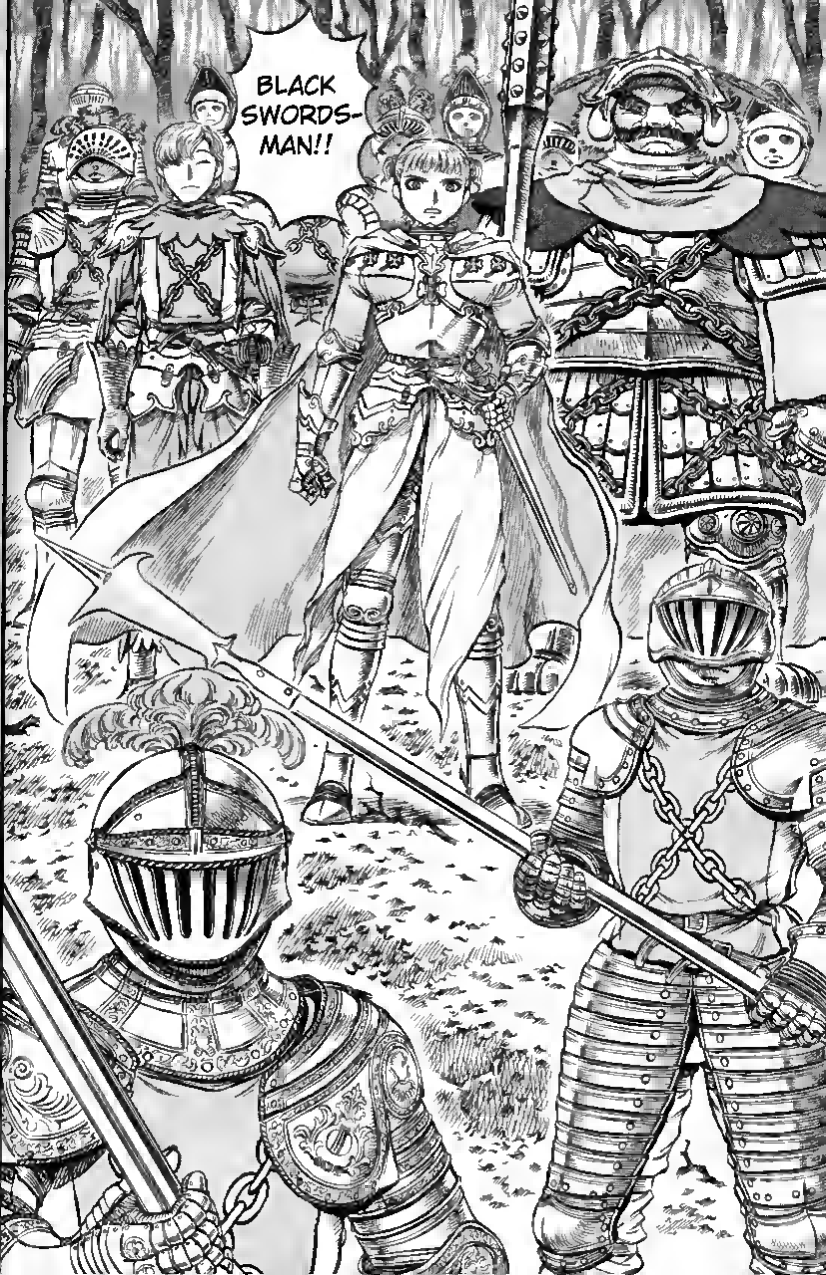
BLACK SWORDS-MAN!!

...IS THIS MAN.
THE HAWK OF DARKNESS ...
AHH
THAT SWORD
HEY, LOOK
SWORD
WHAT IS THAT THING?
HOW CAN HE SWING IT?
LOOK! IT'S HIS LEFT HAND!
HE'S COMPLETELY COVERED IN BLOOD..
IS THIS REALLY THE GUY?
THE HAWK OF ..
...

WHO THE HELL ARE THEY?
WE ARE THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS, UNDER THE DIRECT CONTROL OF THE VATICAN!!
BY DIVINE COMMAND WE HAVE HASTENED TO JOIN OUR FATE WITH YOURS AND APPREHEND YOU!
HAS-TENED
WHAT ---- ?
THROW DOWN YOUR SWORD AND SURRENDER PEACEABLY!
IF YOU DO, THEN WE SHALL DETAIN YOU IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE BEFORE GOD!

SPEAK THEN
HOW DID YOU COME TO BE COVERED FROM HEAD TO TOE IN YOUR OWN BLOOD?
!
LOOK, I DON'T REMEMBER DOING ANY-THING TO ANY PRIESTS ...
NOT WITHOUT REASON
VERY OFTEN
(PER-SUA-SIVE) ABILITY ZERO)
WHAT THE HELL?

ARE THESE NOT THE CAUSE OF THIS BLOOD?
THE CHILDREN OF THAT TOWN...THE TRACKS THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES THAT YOU LEFT BEHIND...

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THIS IS GOD'S WILL!!!
SPEECH-LESS ALREADY!!!
ALL TROOPS! CAPTURE THE BLACK SWORDS-MAN!!!
WHAT'LL WE DO?
THESE GUYS LOOK SERIOUS
.....

WHAT THE HELL ARE WE DOING?
DID THIS GUY REALLY LEAVE THAT MOUNTAIN OF CORPSES BY HIMSELF?
THAT'S DEFINATELY BLOOD ALL OVER HIM
MAN, WHAT A SWORD ...

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I CAN'T HOLD MY SWORD!
CAN'T HE USE THAT THING?
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?
THE SWORD ...
GATS?
GREAT!!
ALL TOGETHER NOW!!
IDIOT, DON'T KILL HIM!
MAN, HE'S FAST!

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STOP IT, YOU'LL KILL HIM!
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SURROUND HIM! MAKE IT SO HE CAN'T MOVE!
CALM DOWN! YOU'RE TOO ANGRY!
I WON'T FORGET THIS, HEATHEN!
IT'S A FAKE HAND! WATCH OUT FOR THE FAKE HAND!
LOOK WHAT HE DID!
IS HE DEAD?
W-WHY YOU--
STOP! WE'RE HITTING EACH OTHER!

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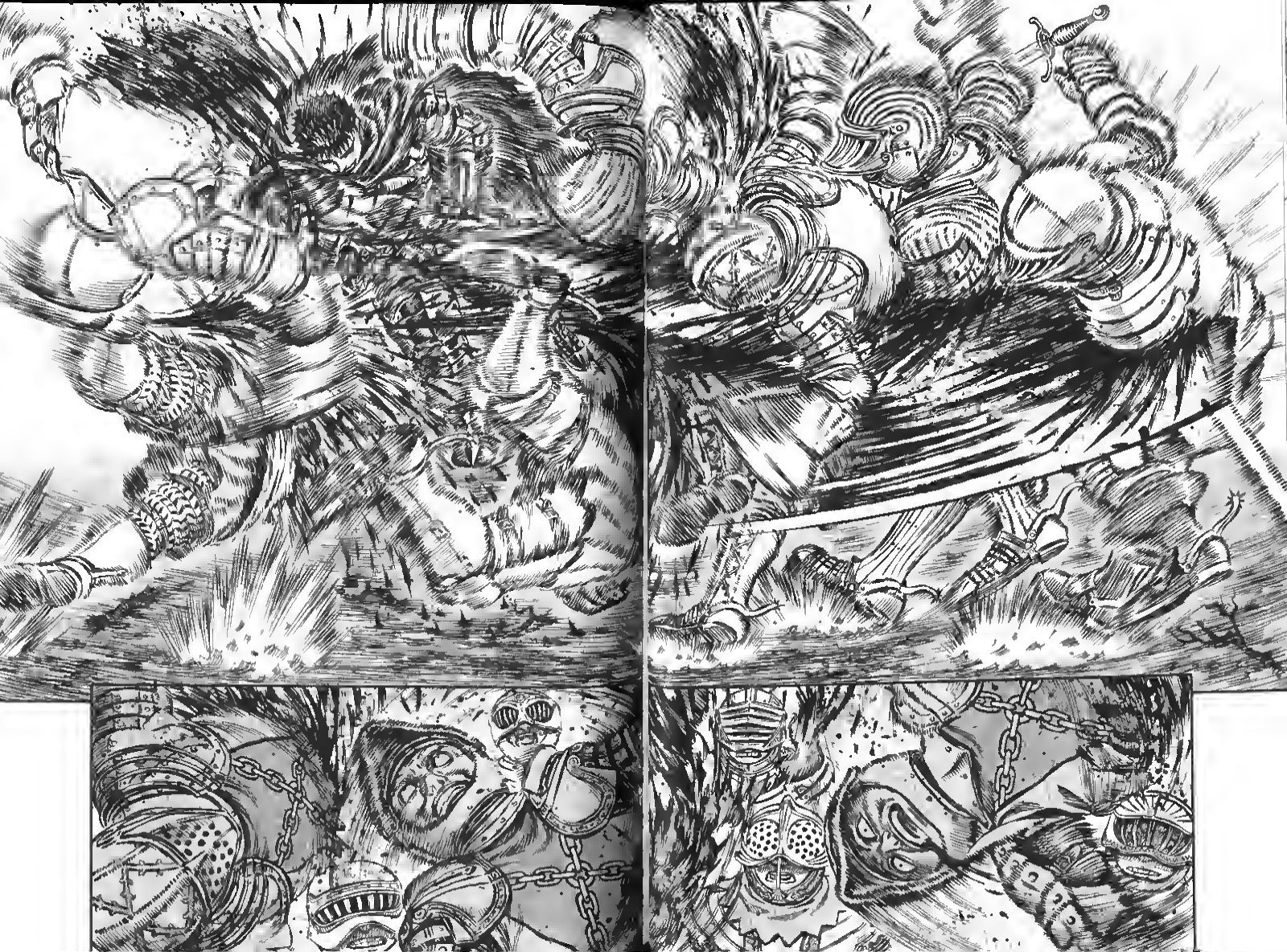
UH OH
THOSE FOOLS MAY SLAY HIM!

HMPH! PATHETIC!!
CAN'T EVEN STAY ON THEIR OWN TWO FEET AGAINST ONE MAN!
AW W-WW WW

THANKS FOR YOUR INFORMED OPINION
THE HEADS OF THE FAMILY DON'T WANT THEIR SONS TO ACTUALLY SEE BATTLE, BUT THEY STILL FORCE THEM TO ENLIST FOR STATUS, CAREFULLY ARRANGING IT LIKE A BIG GAME. SO ALL THESE PEOPLE SWARM TO US, SINCE WE NEVER SEE ANY REAL COMBAT. MAKES PERFECT SENSE.
THEY CAN'T REALLY HELP IT! WHY DO YOU THINK THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN ARE ALSO KNOWN AS THE "SONS OF KNIGHTS?"
OH, YOU KNOW, NOTHING REALLY SPECIAL
BUT...I BEG TO KNOW HOW THEE HATH COME INTO THE POSSESION OF SUCH WISDOM, SERPICO-KUN.
I ENLISTED HERE!
I HATE THE SIGHT OF BLOOD, SO...
GRARH!

CAPTURE HIM!
GOOD! NOW!
OH, NOT GOOD...
HUNH!?



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ONE SWING WENT THROUGH FIVE MEN LIKE CANNON FIRE!
H-HE CAN... ACTUALLY SWING THAT SWORD!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!
WE'VE GOT THE RIGHT GUY! THIS IS THE GUY WHO LEFT THAT MOUNTAIN OF ES!
HE'S A MONSTER !!
GOD... !!!

AS WRITTEN OF IN THE BOOK OF THE APOCA-LYPSE!!
NO MIS-TAKING HIM . . . !! THIS BLIGHT UPON THE LAND..
THE BLACK SWORD SMAN!!
THIS IS...
FARNE ZE-SAMA!
SINCE YOU AND SERPICO ARE UNACCUSTOMED TO BATTLE, I MYSELF SHALL TAKE THE FIELD AND ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN OUR OPPONENT.
STAND ASIDE! AZAN DEMANDS A PERSONAL DUEL!
KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAIN 1 - THE END -

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AZAN-SAMA!
I WOULDN'T WANT TO FIGHT AZAN-SAMA!
OH, AZAN-SAMA'S JOINED THE FRAY!
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RETRIBUTION:
BOUND IN IRONS,
KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY
IRON CHAINS 2
I AM THE LT. COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS, AZAN! I HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING CALLED THE IRON STAFF DEMON, AZAN! BLACK SWORDSMAN! I REQUEST AN HONORABLE DUEL!

IRON STAFF DEMON AZAN...
I'M SURE I'VE HEARD THAT NAME...WEREN'T YOU FORMALLY AZAN, THE BRIDGE KNIGHT?
IRON STAFF DEMON AZAN
NOT AGAIN ...
WHAT A CHEESY ENTRANCE. .. (LIKE A PERIOD DRAMA)
INDEED
I HAVE NOT HEARD THAT NAME...
FOR A LONG TIME.
MORE THAN A HUNDRED KNIGHTS WERE UNABLE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE BECAUSE OF THIS STRANGE MAN...
SOMEONE PROTECTED AN OLD MAN THAT WAS TRYING TO GUARD A BRIDGE ALL BY HIMSELF.
WHEN I WAS JUST A KID...
SO YOU ARE THE BRIDGE KNIGHT, AZAN
YOU KNOW THIS GUY, GATTS

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR NAME, SIR KNIGHT?
WHEN I ENTERED THE HOLY ORDERS, I TOOK THIS NEW NAME.
AS I KNIGHT, I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT MIGHT MAKES RIGHT!
IT'S THE MIRROR. GOOD KNIGHT STORY
NOT ONE OF THEM WAS ABLE TO BUDGE THAT MAN, AND HE LAUGHED AT THEM ALL.
WELL THEN, GATTS!
HAVE AT YOU!!!
GATTS
JUST GATTS, OLD MAN.
I WAS NEVER A KNIGHT.
HOW OLD FASH-IONED
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I SHALL MERELY BREAK A FEW OF YOUR BONES!

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JUST A FEW BONES, HE SAYS...

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NEARLY HIT MY FEET!
HE MAY BE GETTING ON IN YEARS
BUT THE RUMORS OF THIS GUY'S SPEED WERE UNDER-STATED!
GOT YOU!
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UH OH
APRIL SHOWERS THRUST!
MY EYES ARE GETTING BLURRY!

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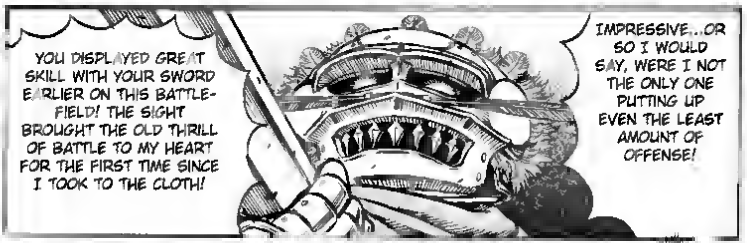
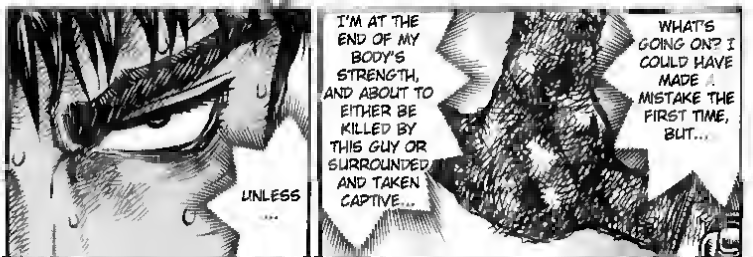
DON'T LET HIM CATCH HIS BREATH!
GET HIM... GET HIM, LT AZAN!
M-MY LORD! IT'S LIKE THE BLACK SWORDSMAN CAN FLY!


YOU DISPLAYED GREAT SKILL WITH YOUR SWORD EARLIER ON THIS BATTLEFIELD! THE SIGHT BROUGHT THE OLD THRILL OF BATTLE TO MY HEART FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE I TOOK TO THE CLOTH!
IMPRESSIVE...OR SO I WOULD SAY, WERE I NOT THE ONLY ONE PUTTING UP EVEN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF OFFENSE!

TIME OUT
I CAN'T FEEL MY HANDS AND FEET...
CRAP...
EVERYTHING'S SLOWLY GETTING DARK


UNLESS...
I'M AT THE END OF MY BODY'S STRENGTH, AND ABOUT TO EITHER BE KILLED BY THIS GUY OR SURROUNDED AND TAKEN CAPTIVE...
WHAT'S GOING ON? I COULD HAVE MADE A MISTAKE THE FIRST TIME, BUT...

GOTTA KEEP ME HEAD DOWN!
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FROM THE FRONT ...
HOW PURE!!

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WHAT!! I LET HIM RUN UP IT!?
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HE'S PAST ME!
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DID IT?
STAND, YOU DOG!
SPLENDID, FARNEZE-SAMA!
YOU FELLED THE BLACK SWORDSMAN WITH A SINGLE BLOW!
OUR COMMANDER HAS MET OUR EXPECTATIONS!
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WAH... TONIO!
AFTER ALL WE'VE BEEN THROUGH
HEY, STOP!
ARGH! I'LL KILL HIM! I'LL KILL HIM!
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CEASE THIS.

YOU GOT KEN, YOU..
FOOL, STOP!

I'LL KILL HIM! AFTER ALL THIS TIME, IN A PLACE LIKE THIS ..
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YOU DISHONOR YOUR REPUTATION AS KNIGHTS!
AGAINST A FOE WHO OFFERS NO RESISTANCE... THIS BEHAVIOUR IS UNACCEPTABLE!

B-BUT
THIS MAN MERELY ANSWERED SWORD WITH SWORD! THAT IS ALL THAT CONCERNED HIM, AND WE CAN NOT FAULT HIS ACTION!

LOOK WHAT HE DID...TO OUR FRIENDS!
BUT, AZAN-SAMA ...
IF A MAN HAS COLLAPSED WITH HIS SWORD STILL DRAWN, HE IS THE SAME AS A MAN WHO HAS SHEATHED HIS SWORD. IT IS AS IF HE HAS SURRENDERED!

YOUR FRIEND'S DEATHS UPON HIS BLADE WERE AN INSULT TO BOTH HIM AND HIS SWORD!
YOUR PERFORMANCE IN THIS BATTLE HAS BEEN A DISGRACE!
YOU MADE A MOCKERY OF KNIGHTS IN BATTLE!
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WHAT'S THIS? THIS HEARTY COMPANIONSHIP...
SINCE WE GAVE UP OUR KNIGHTHOODS FOR THE CLOTH, THIS IS OUT FIRST CAMPAIGN TOGETHER, SO I HAD HOPED TO AVOID SCOLDING YOU OVERMUCH. THIS PROVED IMPOSSIBLE. FORGIVE ME
SIR!
THERE IS NO EXCUSE!
WE WERE WRONG!
SIR!
WE MAKE NO EXCUSES, SIR!

WILL YOU ORDER A RETREAT?
FARNESE-SAMA
YOU MUST NOT FEAR YOUR SWORD. THOUGH HEAVY, YOU CAN NEVER LAY IT DOWN TILL YOUR FOE NO LONGER STANDS.
MAYHAP, IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU HAVE SEEN A MAN KILLED?
FARNESE-SAMA

RIGHT!
ALL TROOPS, WITH-DRAW!
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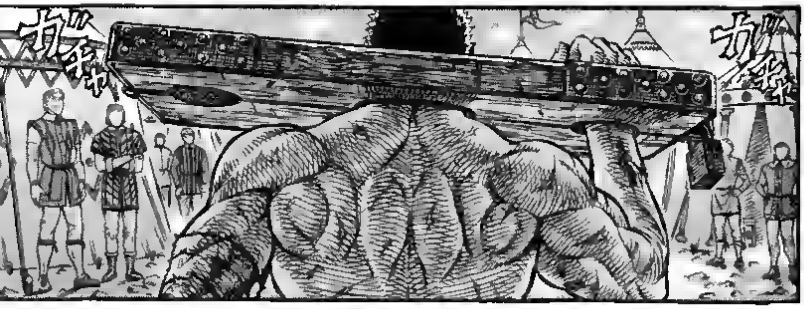
KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS 2 - THE END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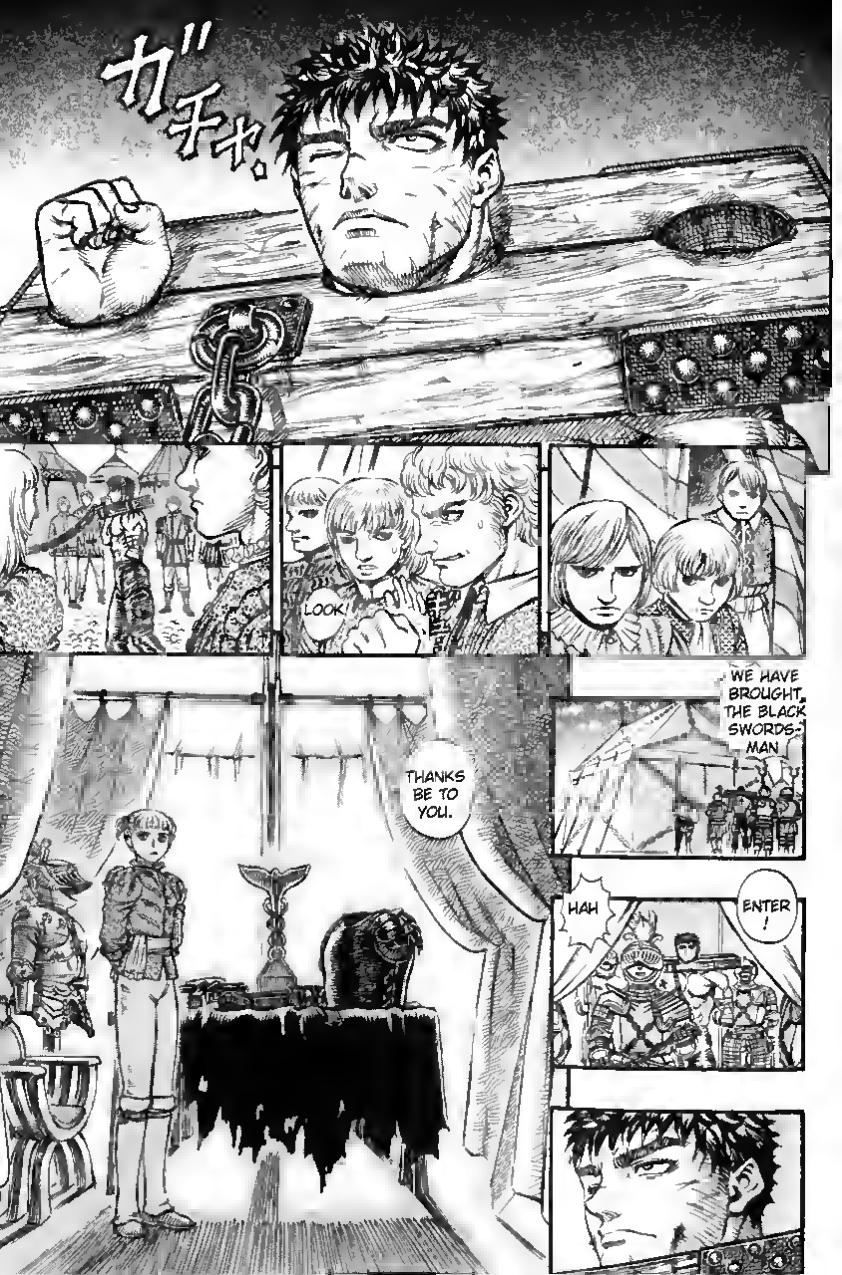
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LOOK!
WE HAVE BROUGHT THE BLACK SWORDSMAN
THANKS BE TO YOU.
HAH
ENTER!

BUT, UH, WHAT ABOUT...
UNIMPORTANT! I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THESE EXTRA-LARGE IRONS WILL BE ENOUGH TO HOLD HIM.
NEVER MIND IT!
BUT THE REPORT FROM THE LT...
AGAIN, THERE IS A BODYGUARD JUST OUTSIDE THIS TENT THAT CAN REACH ME QUICKLY SHOULD MY LIFE BE PLACED IN DANGER.
B-BUT...
YOU MAY LEAVE.
FASTEN THE PRISONER TO THE POST.
BUT THERE ARE TEN THOUSAND MEN ALL VERY STIRRED UP...THE LT. THOUGHT, JUST A WORD...
YOU FORGOT YOUR RANK!

AND WHO HAS THE HIGHEST POSITION OF COMMAND IN THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS!? YOU ARE SPEAKING TO HER!!!
IF YOU OBEY THE LT.S INSTRUCTIONS, HOW CAN YOU FOLLOW MY COMMANDS?
HAH
PLEASE FORGIVE THE IMPO-LITENESS OF MY SPEECH!
HAH
DO NOT FORGET THIS.
THE BLACK SWORDS-MAN. . NO, IT WAS GATTS, WAS IT NOT?
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I SERVED AS THE LIASION TO THE LOWEST SEATED MEMBER OF THE VATICAN GRAND TRIBUNAL, AND THERE IS WAS MY DUTY TO PERFORM TWO OR THREE SMALL INQUIRIES.
BEFORE I WAS TOLD TO DELIVER YOU TO THE VATICAN...
ANSWER ME THAT!
FIRSTLY, YOUR ORIGINS, HISTORY, MOTIVE, AND PURPOSE!
CUR, HOW DARE YOU LAUGH?
HEH

I MEAN, REALLY ...
ALL THAT STUFF ABOUT GOD...
AND YOU THINK I'M WORKIN' FOR THE EVIL SIDE.
YOU HAVE TAKEN THE NAME OF THE LORD IN VAIN
I SHALL NOT ALLOW THAT A SECOND TIME.
THESE PEASANT WEAPONS .
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FIRSTLY, THESE..
.....
WHAT ARE THEY FOR?

WHY DO YOU NOT USE A MORE PRACTICAL WEAPON?
HOW LIKE A MERCENARY TO AFFECT SUCH A SHOWY, OVERLARGE INSTRU-MENT.
SWORD, IF YOU CAN CALL IT THAT, IT IS MORE LIKE A VAST CLOD OF IRON...
THIS ...
FOR WHAT DO YOU USE THIS? WHAT DO YOU DO WITH IT?
DO YOU INTEND TO ROUND UP AN ARMY?
AND THIS THING ..
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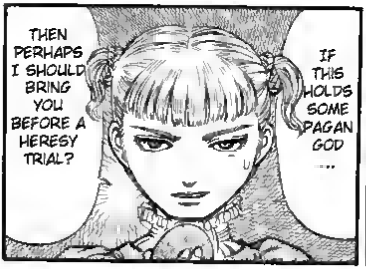
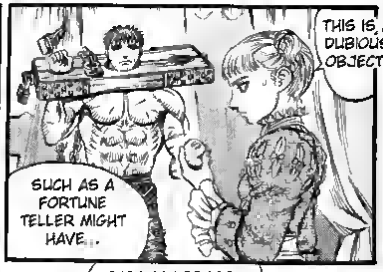
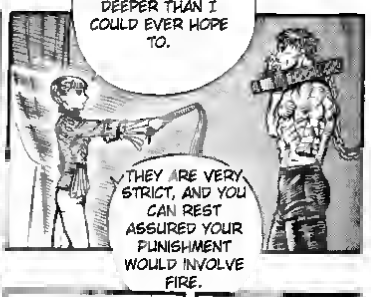
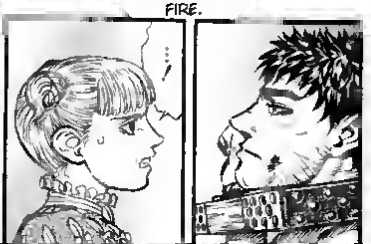

THEN PERHAPS I SHOULD BRING YOU BEFORE A HERESY TRIAL?
IF THIS HOLDS SOME PAGAN GOD ...


THIS IS A DUBIOUS OBJECT.
SUCH AS A FORTUNE TELLER MIGHT HAVE...

WHY DO YOU NOT RESPOND ?


THEY CAN PROBE DEEPER THAN I COULD EVER HOPE TO.
THEY ARE VERY STRICT, AND YOU CAN REST ASSURED YOUR PUNISHMENT WOULD INVOLVE FIRE.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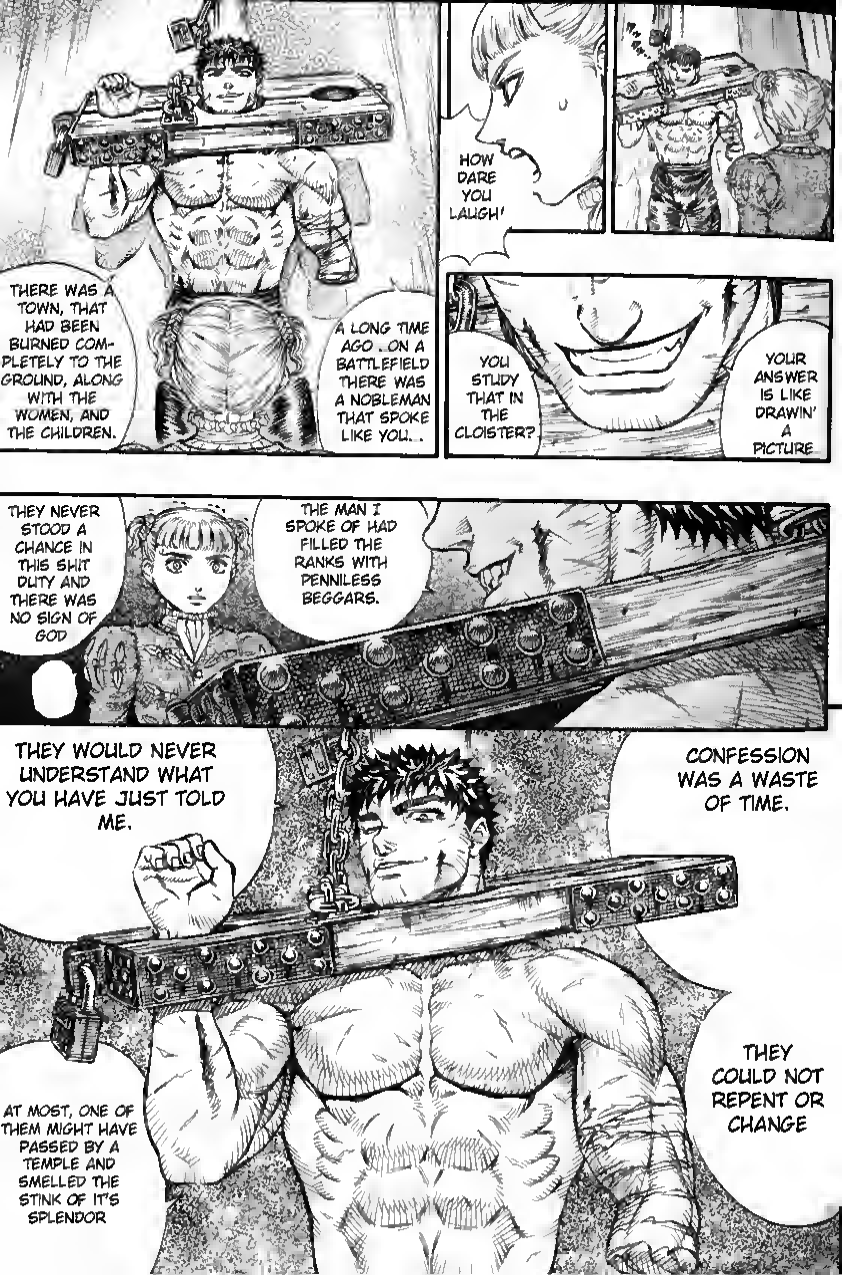
AFTER I TOLD YOU NOT TO TAKE HIS NAME IN VAIN..
HOW DARE YOU EVEN ASK SUCH A THING..
BELIEVE IN GOD, AND THE DEVIL?
DO YOU ...
GOD?
HAVE YOU MET HIM?
IN MY HEART...
AND EVEN MORE SO IN HEAVEN.
GOD IN HIS GLORY DOES NOT SHOW HIMSELF UPON THIS EARTH.
GOD EXISTS BECAUSE WE HAVE FAITH.


THERE WAS A TOWN, THAT HAD BEEN BURNED COMPLETELY TO THE GROUND, ALONG WITH THE WOMEN, AND THE CHILDREN.
A LONG TIME AGO...ON A BATTLEFIELD THERE WAS A NOBLEMAN THAT SPOKE LIKE YOU...
HOW DARE YOU LAUGH!
YOU STUDY THAT IN THE CLOISTER?
YOUR ANSWER IS LIKE DRAWIN' A PICTURE
THEY NEVER STOOD A CHANCE IN THIS SHIT DUTY AND THERE WAS NO SIGN OF GOD
THE MAN I SPOKE OF HAD FILLED THE RANKS WITH PENNILESS BEGGARS.
THEY WOULD NEVER UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU HAVE JUST TOLD ME.
CONFESSION WAS A WASTE OF TIME.
AT MOST, ONE OF THEM MIGHT HAVE PASSED BY A TEMPLE AND SMELLED THE STINK OF IT'S SPLENDOR
THEY COULD NOT REPENT OR CHANGE

DAMN YOU...
DOG!!
COULD HAVE AVOIDED IT, TOO
NOT AGAA IIN.
I HAD NEVER SEEN SUCH SPEECH, OR BEHAVIOR
DOG, BEFORE I BECAME THE COMMANDER OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY IRON CHAINS,

I SHALL NOT FORGIVE YOU AGAIN.
I INTENDED THIS INQUIRY TO BE MORE COMPASSIONATE.
I EXCUSE IT ONLY DUE TO YOUR INJURED CONDITION.
AND THEN I SHALL NOT STOP UNTIL YOUR SKIN IS FALLING AWAY FROM YOUR BODY, AND I AM CERTAIN YOUR MOUTH WILL NEVER SPEAK AGAIN. I SWEAR BY MY FAITH
IT ALL COMES DOWN TO HUMAN AMBITION. THAT OLD BRIDGE KNIGHT...
WITH YOUR GOD
AND YOUR COMMANDERS...
YOU COULDN'T IF YOU TRIED
AS THE OTHER FOR THE BEGGARS.
YOU HAD THE SAME RESPECT FOR HIM...
WHEN HE SPOKE TO YOU.

HOW DARE YOU..
HOW DARE YOU!!

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WHAT ARE YOU...
EXCUSE ME!!
FARNE ZE-SAMA!!
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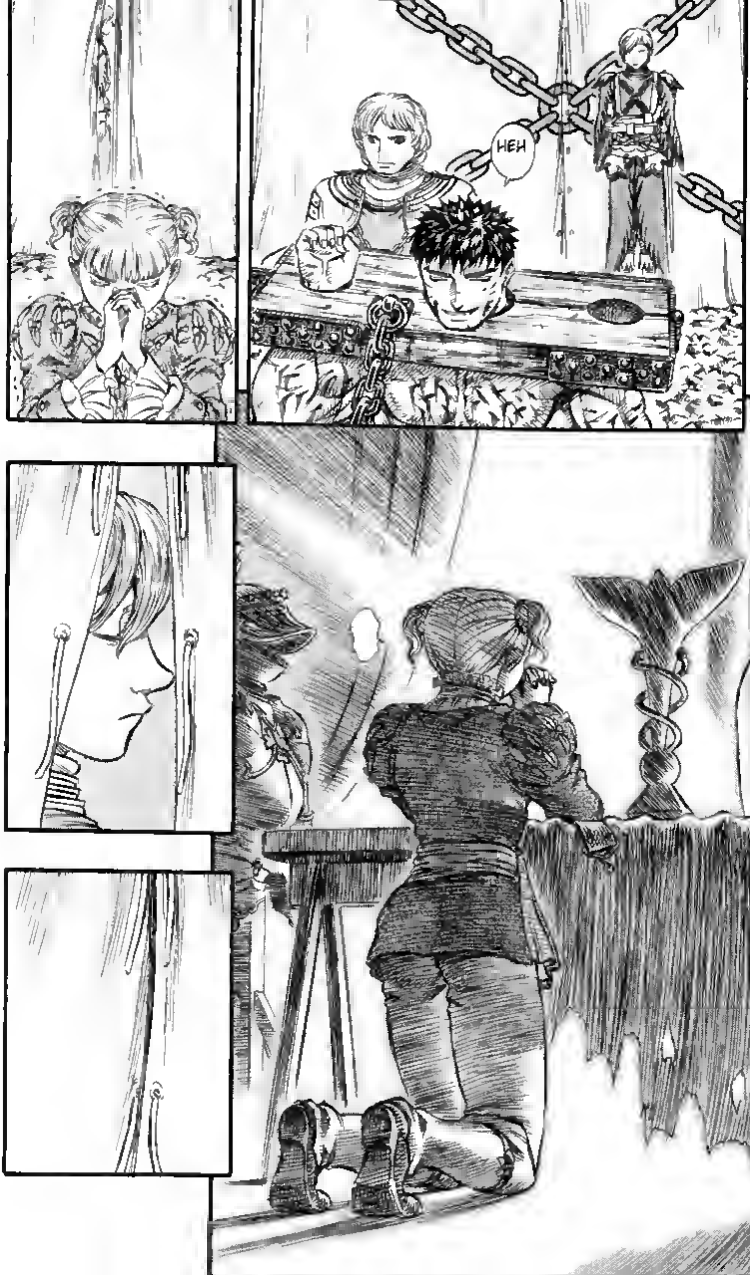
FARNEZE-SAMA!! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
BUT THIS...
WHAT MEANS THIS INTRUSION? BEFORE I WAS SENT FROM THE VATICAN, I INVESTIGATED TWO OR THREE CASES.

I WILL NOT HEAR IT!
DO AS I COMMAND!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
RETURN THIS MAN TO HIS CELL!
FARNEZ E-SAMA!
THE COM-MANDER.
PLEASE DON'T TORMENT HER TOO MUCH.
AS YOU WISH
SHE REALLY OUGHTTA LISTEN TO THE OLD GUY
THROW HIM IN AFTER YOU TEND HIS WOUNDS!
DO NOT REMOVE THE IRONS!
WILL DO!
AYE!
AA-AH... YOU SEE, SHE IS SO VERY CUTE.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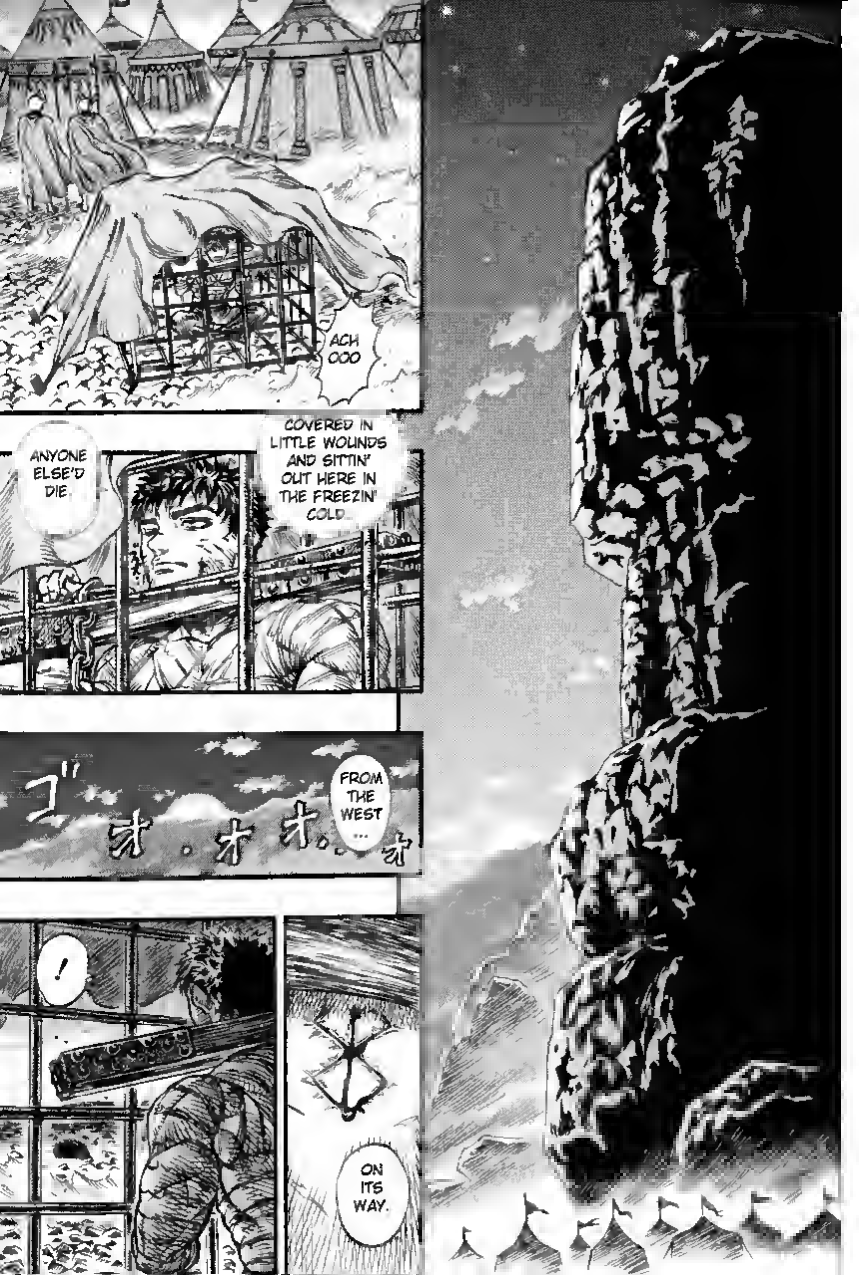
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ANYONE ELSE'D DIE.
COVERED IN LITTLE WOUNDS AND SITTIN' OUT HERE IN THE FREEZIN' COLD.
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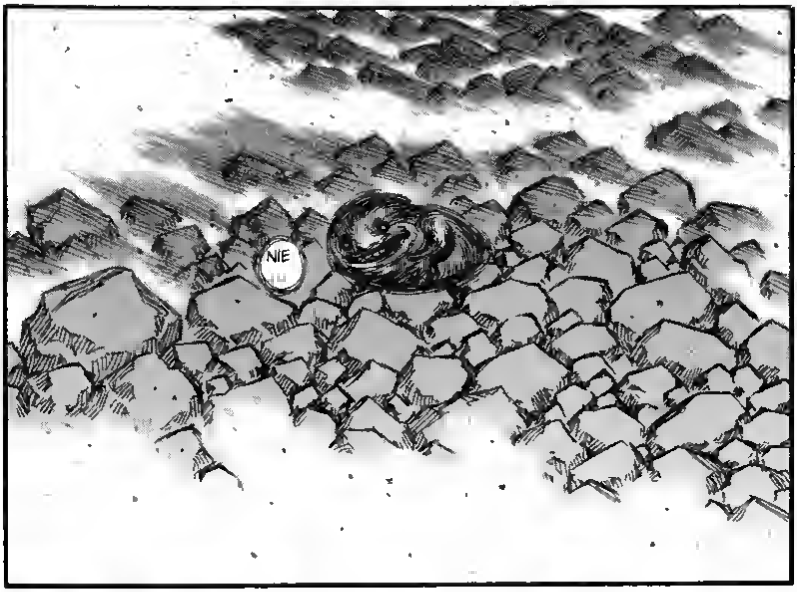
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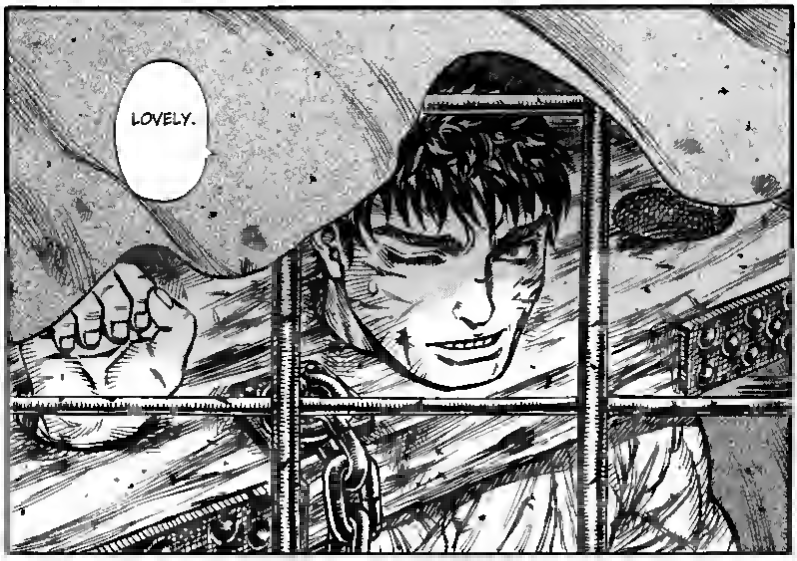
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